

Rights Of Colonists

US HISTORY
Standard 8.2.1

EQ: How did the development of the colonies create a distinctive way of life in America for years to come?

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F French Huguenots

J Jews

S Swedes

Talk to your group!

Should Barack Obama follow the same rules as everyone else?

Why or why not?



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An illustration of a colonial town scene. In the foreground, a group of people in 18th-century attire are gathered. A man in a white coat and a woman in a purple dress are prominent. In the background, there are wooden buildings, a tree, and a fence. The scene is set in a grassy area.

- Colonists saw themselves as English citizens.
- They expected the same rights they enjoyed in England
 - Rights: Powers and privileges that belong to people as citizens and cannot be taken away by the government

Magna Carta

- **Signed by King John-1215**
- **Established the idea that the power of the Monarch (ruler) was limited → KING COULDN'T BE ABOVE THE LAW !!!**
- **English People finally won the right to participate in their gov't.**
- **Assured right to a trial**
- **Founding of Parliament in 1265 → group of Representatives from across England , became the law making body with the power to approve laws and taxes proposed by the King or Queen**

The English Bill of Rights

- 1689-Prince William of Orange and his wife Mary were offered the crown-in exchange they had to agree to the English Bill of Rights
- **Act said that the power to make laws and impose taxes belonged to the elected Representatives in Parliament and no one else!**
- Also included a bill, or list of rights that belonged to the people →
- Rights included the right to petition the King and right to a trial by jury

First Great Awakening

- **Religious Movement that began in the 1730s**
- Revival of religious feeling and beliefs in the American Colonies
- **Helped spread the idea that all people are equal in God's eyes** → ordinary people could understand God's will if they had an open heart and desire to know the truth
- **Encouraged ideas of liberty, equality, and resistance to authority** → helped pave the way for the American Revolution

How the Early Documents Affected the Colonists

- **Colonists realized the most important right was the right to have a voice in their government**
- **Colonists established assemblies to protect citizen rights**
 - **English Tradition of self-government thrived in all 13 colonies.**

