* Origins of American Government
* Our Political Beginnings
* Basic Concepts of Government
* Does not start on July 4, 1776
  + 1500’ & 1700’s
  + Ordered Gov’t, Limited Gov’t. & Representative Gov’t.
  + Documents - Magna Carta, Petition of Right, English Bill of Rights
* Government in the Colonies
* 13 form in 125 years
* Each had a charter -
* Royal Colonies – 8 of them
  + Bicameral
  + Governor
* Proprietary Colonies – (Maryland, Pennsylvania & Delaware)
* Charter Colonies – (Connecticut & Rohde Island)
* The Coming of Independence
* Royal control was hard due to the distance
* Growing Colonial Unity - Albany Plan, Stamp Act congress
* 1st Continental Congress -
* 2nd Continental Congress -
* Continuation of Freedom
* The Declaration of Independence - 720
* 1st State Governments -
* Common Features of New States
  + Popular Sovereignty
  + Limited Government
  + Civil Rights and Liberties
  + Separation of Powers and Checks & Balances
* The Critical Period
* 1777 Articles of Confederation - weak
* Need for a stronger government - federalist and anti-federalist
* Maryland and Virginia - work on problem
* Creating the Constitution
* May 25, 1787 in Independence Hall
* 12 states and 55 men
* “Father of the Constitution” = Madison
* Washington is the president of the convention
* Now writing a new Constitution
* Virginia Plan - Madison and Randolph
  + 3 branches
  + Powers -
* New Jersey Plan - unicameral congress, states represented by $
* Connecticut Compromise -
* 3/5 Compromise -
* Commerce and Slave Trade Compromise -
* Agreed upon items -
* Ratifying the Constitution
* Article VII -
* Federalist -
* Anti-Federalist -
* New Government = Sept. 13, 1788
  + New York
  + George Washington and John Adams