

FOUNDING DOCUMENTS TREASURE HUNT

Learning Objective(s): The student will

1. Identify passages from the English Bill of Rights, Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, and the United States Declaration of Independence;
2. Paraphrase the passage into today's language.

TEKS/TAKS: WH. 16 B, 17 A, 25 C; GOVT. 1 B, 2 A, 13 A

Materials Needed: Copies of the "Founding Documents Treasure Hunt" worksheet, copies of the Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, English Bill of Rights, and the United States Declaration of Independence.

Vocabulary: Compact, declaration

Teaching Strategy:

1. Pass out copies of the texts of the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, English Bill of Rights, and the United States Declaration of Independence.
2. Using the quotations on the worksheet, have the students individually or in groups identify the source of the quotation and paraphrase the quotation in today's language.
3. Once the work sheet has been completed the students will share their paraphrase of the quote with the entire class.

Answers: 1. A; 2. B; 3. D; 4. C; 5. C; 6. A; 7. C; 8. D; 9. D; 10. D; 11. C; 12. A; 13. B; 14. D; 15. C; 16. C; 17. A; 18. A; 19. D; 20. C; 21. A; 22. B; 23. C; 24. D; 25. C.

Extension for GT/AP: Have students identify corresponding passage in the Texas or the United States Constitution.

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DIRECTIONS: Locate each of the following quotations from the summaries of the early English laws. Indicate in the space provided from which law the quotation comes (use the letters preceding the laws). Finally, paraphrase the quotation in today's language.

- A. THE MAGNA CARTA, 1215
- B. THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT, 1620
- C. ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS, 1689
- D. THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, 1776

- _____ 1. ". . . English Church shall be free, and shall have her whole rights and her liberties inviolable;"
- _____ 2. "[We do] covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid;"
- _____ 3. "When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another"
- _____ 4. ". . . [R]aising or keeping a standing army within the kingdom in time of peace, unless it be with consent of Parliament, is against law"
- _____ 5. ". . . [S]uspending of laws or the execution of laws by regal authority without consent of Parliament is illegal;"
- _____ 6. "All merchants shall have safety and security in coming into England, and going out of England, and in staying in and traveling through England"

- _____ 7. "... [F]or redress of all grievances and for the amending, strengthening, and preserving of the laws, Parliaments ought to be held frequently"
- _____ 8. "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights"
- _____ 9. "He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People."
- _____ 10. In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms"
- _____ 11. ". . . [J]urors who pass upon men in trials for high treason ought to be freeholders;"
- _____ 12. "No freeman shall be seized, imprisoned, dispossessed, outlawed, or exiled, or in any way destroyed"
- _____ 13. "[T]o enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony"
- _____ 14. "He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.
- _____ 15. ". . . [L]evying money for or to the use of the crown by pretense of prerogative without grant of Parliament . . . is illegal;"
- _____ 16. ". . . [E]xcessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

- _____ 17. "No scutage nor aid shall be imposed in our kingdom, unless by the common council of our kingdom"
- _____ 18. "No bailiff, for the future, shall put any man to his law upon his own simple affirmation, without credible witnesses produced for that purpose."
- _____ 19. "For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever."
- _____ 20. ". . . [F]reedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament;"
- _____ 21. ". . . [W]e firmly command that the Church of England be free"
- _____ 22. "In Witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod"
- _____ 23. ". . . [E]lection of members of Parliament ought to be free;"
- _____ 24. "...[W]e mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.
- _____ 25. ". . . [I]t is the right of the subjects to petition the king, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal."