

## **AP U.S. Government and Politics**

Unit I Review: Constitutional Underpinnings

Name: Section:

Directions: Use the questions below as a review of the main concepts from Unit I: Constitutional Underpinnings of the United States Government. This review will help you prepare for the upcoming test on the principles of the unit.

## **Section 1: Foundations**

- 1. For each of the following topics describe what ideas or concepts they contributed to the formation of the American Government
  - a. Ancient Athens
  - b. Rome
  - c. England
  - d. John Locke
  - e. Baron de Montesquieu
  - f. Jean Jacques Rousseau
  - g. Thomas Paine
  - h. Mayflower Compact
  - i. The Magna Carta
  - j. The Iroquois Confederacy

## **Section 2: Declaring Independence**

- 2. Be able to explain why the following factors pushed the colonists to demand independence
  - a. Restricted Movement
  - b. No Taxation Without Representation

3.	Be able to explain the significance of the Declaration of Independence a. What did it do?
	3: Creating a Government What were the articles of Confederation?
5.	Why did they fail?
6.	Be able to identify arguments for (Federalists), or against (Anti-Federalists) a new constitution.
7.	Explain the compromises that had to be made in order to get the constitution passed. (Especially the Great Compromise and the 3/5 <sup>th</sup> Compromise)
8.	How was the Bill of Rights influential in the passage of the constitution?
Section 4: The Six Big Ideas  Be able to explain the following ideas as they relate to the Constitution  1. Popular Sovereignty	
	2. Federalism
	3. Checks and Balances
	4. Limited Power
	5. Separation of Power
	6. Republicanism

c. Boston Massacre