

# Important Historical Documents in American Government and History

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	<b>Magna Carta</b>	<b>Virginia Charter</b>	<b>Mayflower Compact</b>	<b>English Bill of Rights</b>	<b>Va. Declaration of Rights</b>	<b>Va. Statute of Religious Freedom</b>	<b>Articles of Confederation</b>	<b>The Declaration of Independence</b>
<b>Time and Place</b>	1215 England	1606, 1609, 1612 London, England Virginia	1620 On the Mayflower in the Atlantic	1689 London, England	1776 Williamsburg, VA	1786 Virginia	1777-1781 Phila., PA	July 4, 1776 Phila., P
<b>Purpose</b>	Restrict power of the King. Trial by jury becomes law.	Creates the Colony of Virginia for trade and profit	Signers agreed to make and obey the laws they made.	Outlines rights of Parliament	Outlines rights of Virginians	States freedom of religion for Christians	Creates a confeder-ation called the United States of America	States reasons for separat- ion from Englan
<b>Important People</b>	King John I Nobles	Virginia Company  John Smith  James I	41 Signers  William Bradford  James I	William of Orange  Mary I  James II	George Mason,  Va. Hose of Delegates	Jefferson & Madison	Richard Henry Lee	T. Jefferson Ben Franklin John Adams George I 2 <sup>nd</sup> Con Congres
<b>Importance</b>	Basis of English law and government	Begins English colonies in N. America	First example of self-govt. in New World.	Restricts power of monarchy. Example for Dec. of Ind.	Model for Jefferson and Declaration & Bill of Rights.	free exercise of religion; Separation church & state (1 <sup>st</sup> Am.)	USA's first constitution	Lists bas human rights; states Locke's Social Con.

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