

Foundations of Constitutional History

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1. Which 1215 document is widely considered the foundational source for the principle that the sovereign is subject to the rule of law?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) Magna Carta
- C) The Petition of Right
- D) The Statute of Westminster

2. The 1787 Constitutional Convention took place in which American city?

- A) New York City
- B) Washington D.C.
- C) Philadelphia
- D) Boston

3. In 1803, which landmark U.S. Supreme Court case established the principle of judicial review?

- A) McCulloch v. Maryland
- B) Gibbons v. Ogden
- C) Marbury v. Madison
- D) Dred Scott v. Sandford

4. The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 was passed by the parliament of which nation?

- A) Australia
- B) United Kingdom
- C) New Zealand
- D) Canada

5. Which English monarch was forced to sign the Petition of Right in 1628, limiting the power of the Crown?

- A) Charles I
- B) James I
- C) Henry VIII
- D) William III

6. The Canadian Constitution Act of 1982 included the 'Patriation' of the constitution from which country?

- A) United States
- B) France
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Australia

7. Which amendment to the United States Constitution abolished slavery in 1865?

- A) 12th Amendment
- B) 13th Amendment
- C) 14th Amendment
- D) 15th Amendment

8. The Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany was enacted in which year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1949
- C) 1952
- D) 1960

9. Which document, adopted in 1789, serves as the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution?

- A) The Articles of Confederation
- B) The Declaration of Independence
- C) The Bill of Rights
- D) The Federalist Papers

10. In 1919, the Weimar Constitution established the parliamentary democracy for which nation?

- A) Austria
- B) Germany
- C) Hungary
- D) Poland

11. The South African Constitution of 1996 was signed into law in which city?

- A) Cape Town
- B) Johannesburg
- C) Sharpeville
- D) Pretoria

12. Which legislative act of 1931 formally granted legislative independence to the British Dominions?

- A) The Statute of Westminster
- B) The Colonial Laws Validity Act
- C) The Australia Act
- D) The Balfour Declaration

13. The Japanese Constitution, often called the 'Peace Constitution,' went into effect in what year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1947
- C) 1950
- D) 1952

14. Which U.S. President presided over the Constitutional Convention of 1787?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) James Madison
- C) George Washington
- D) Alexander Hamilton

15. The 1958 Constitution of France marked the beginning of which republic?

- A) Third Republic
- B) Fourth Republic
- C) Fifth Republic
- D) Sixth Republic