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- 20 multiple-choice questions (4 points)
- 4 short response questions (5 points)

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Warmest wishes, Joan

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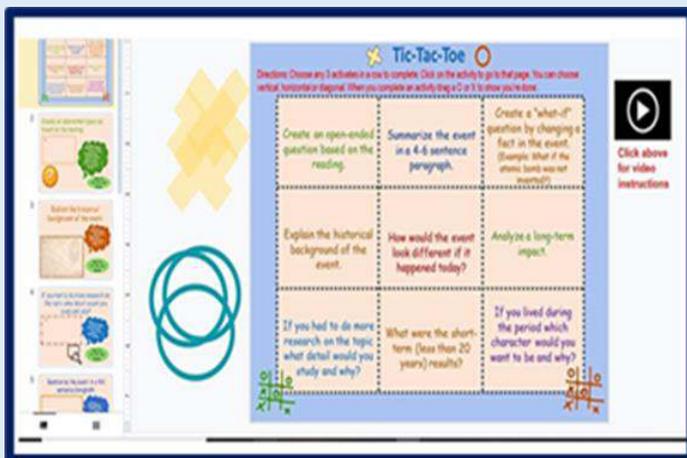
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Directions: Use the documents and your knowledge of social studies to choose the best answer for each question.

Mayflower Compact (Excerpt)

Having undertaken for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honor of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern Parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together in a Civil Body Politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to 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, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

1. According to the document, the Pilgrims travelled to America for all the following reasons EXCEPT.

1. to practice their Christian faith
2. for the opportunity to start a business
3. to help and honor the King
4. to establish a colony in Virginia

2. The Mayflower Compact is an early example of

1. Immigration due to the potato famine
2. women's suffrage
3. representative government
4. capitalism

The edited excerpt below is from William Penn's Charter of Privileges granted to the inhabitants of Pennsylvania in 1701.

"Because no People can be truly happy...if their Freedom of Thought is taken away...I do hereby grant and declare, That no Person inhabiting [living] in this Province...shall be discriminated against...nor will that person be forced to...maintain any religious Worship...that is against their own thoughts or against their religious beliefs."

3. One civil liberty that William Penn stated inhabitants of Pennsylvania were to enjoy was

1. freedom of the press
2. freedom to petition
3. freedom to bear arms
4. freedom of religion

4. Based on a study of the 13 colonies one could conclude that

1. civils rights varied from colony to colony
2. geography had little impact on the colonies' trade
3. religion was not a driving force in the establishment of colonies
4. the southern colonies had a more diverse economy

Meeting at the Virginia House of Burgesses in colonial Virginia



5. The Virginia House of Burgesses was formed as

1. a representative body to help govern Virginia
2. an entrepreneurial enterprise to combine assets
3. a meeting place for men and women to discuss issues
4. a judicial body to interpret laws

6. The Mayflower Compact and the Virginia House of Burgesses are similar in that they both

1. began at the same time
2. are seen as precursors to a national democratic government
3. followed the common laws of England in formulating laws
4. allowed for freedom of religion

Maryland's Act of Toleration (1649)

...be it therefore with the advice and consent of this assembly ordered and enacted...that no person or persons within Maryland professing to believe in any form of Christianity shall from now on be in any way troubled, interfered with or embarrassed **in respect to his or her religion, nor in the free exercise thereof...**

7. Based on the information in this document the colony of Maryland can be compared to

1. Virginia
2. Massachusetts
3. England
4. Pennsylvania

8. Many English settlers came to America

1. for freedom of religion and the opportunity to own land
2. for freedom of speech and the right to vote
3. to escape religious persecution and the right to divorce
4. for women's suffrage and the right to own land

John Winthrop on why government should be based on Religion.	Roger Williams on why government should not be based on Religion
<p>It is yourselves who have called us to this office, and , being called by you, we have our authority from God.....If you stand for natural corrupt liberties.....you will not endure the least weight of authority.....but if you will be satisfied to enjoy such civil and lawful liberties, such as Christ allows you, then will you quietly and cheerfully submit unto that authority which is set over you.... For your good.</p>	<p>I....only propose this case; There goes many a ship to sea, with many hundred souls in one ship, which is a true picture of a commonwealth.....It hath fallen out some times, that both Catholics and Protestants, Jews and Turks, may be embarked in one ship; upon which supposal, I affirm..... that none of the Catholics, Protestants, Jews or Turks be forced to come to the ship's prayers or worship or compelled from their own particular prayers or worship.</p>
<p>*Note: John Winthrop, a founder of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Roger Williams was banished from Massachusetts. Sources: -Little Speech on Liberty by John Winthrop and - Letter from Roger Williams to the town of Providence Massachusetts</p>	

9. Based on the information in these documents

1. Roger Williams held the majority opinion
2. John Winthrop was preferred by King George III
3. Settlers did not agree on all governing issues
4. Massachusetts was formed for freedom of religion

10. John Winthrop's argument as to why government should be based on religion was

1. God would be angry if Massachusetts laws were not based on religion
2. Both Catholics and Protestants were the majority and should prevail
3. God gave them the authority to do so
4. following the laws from the bible would lessen crime

11. One justification for religious freedom stated by Roger Williams was

1. the colonies had a diverse population of many religions
2. prayer should not take place on ships
3. it would lead to a cheerful submission of authority
4. God told him it was the right thing to do

12. The economies of the colonies were based on mercantilism, a system that resulted in

1. the Southern colonies relying on overseas trade
2. the colonies were free to make all economic decisions
3. England profiting from its colonies
4. the colonies profiting from the English

Voting Qualifications (Requirements) (1763)

COLONY	RELIGION	RACE	GENDER	PROPERTY
NEW HAMPSHIRE	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	LAND VALUED AT \$50
MASSACHUSETTS	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	LAND RENTED AT \$2/ YEAR
RHODE ISLAND	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	LAND RENTED AT \$2/ YEAR
CONNECTICUT	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	LAND RENTED AT \$2/ YEAR
NEW YORK	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	LAND VALUED AT \$40
NEW JERSEY	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	LAND VALUED AT \$50
PENNSYLVANIA	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	50 ACRES OR LAND VALUED AT \$40
DELAWARE	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	50 ACRES OR LAND VALUED AT \$40
MARYLAND	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	50 ACRES OR LAND VALUED AT \$40
VIRGINIA	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	25 ACRES WITH A HOUSE OR 100 ACRES WITHOUT
NORTH CAROLINA	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	50 ACRES
SOUTH CAROLINA	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	50 ACRES OR LAND RENTED AT \$2/ YEAR
GEORGIA	CHRISTIAN	WHTIE	MALE	50 ACRES

13. According to the chart above which of the following groups could not vote?

1. minorities and Christians
2. women and men with less than 60 acres of property
3. males without property and Christians
4. women and minorities

14. Based on the chart above, which of the following statements is true

1. English colonists established a direct democracy
2. Religious freedom was an important aspect of all colonies
3. the colonies governed using limited aspects of democracy
4. Voting qualifications have remained stagnant in the United States since colonial times

Below is a piece of Alexander Hamilton's lengthy summation to the jury before they arrived at a verdict in the John Peter Zenger Trial.

It is natural, it is a privilege, I will go farther, it is a right, which all free men claim, that they are entitled to complain when they are hurt. They have a right publicly to remonstrate [protest] against the abuses of power in the strongest terms, to put their neighbors upon their guard against the craft or open violence of men in authority, and to assert with courage the sense they have of the blessings of liberty, the value they put upon it, and their resolution at all hazards to preserve it as one of the greatest blessings heaven can bestow. . . .

15. Which civil right did the Zenger trial address?

1. freedom of the press
2. freedom of religion
3. women's suffrage
4. abolition of slavery

16. According to Alexander Hamilton, one effect of the liberties he discusses is

1. women can protest against abuses of their husbands
2. heaven will bless the colonies
3. those in authority can be called out for any abuses of power
4. the abilities to sue your neighbors to protect property rights

Sir William Blackstone, in his 1765 legal text, said this about the legal rights of married women:

"By marriage, the husband and wife are one person in law: that is, the very being or legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage, or at least incorporated and consolidated into that of the husband: under whose wing, protection, and cover, she performs everything..."

17. What is the impact of the law described above?

1. married women gave up their right to own property
2. marriage was considered sacred and blessed by god
3. women could not marry a man of a different religion
4. men assumed responsibility to provide a home for their wife

18. What is the justification stated for the above law?

1. Colonists wanted to ensure the marriages lasted
2. property ownership should be handed down through the generations
3. when a man and woman marry they become one entity
4. women don't exist



“For every scalp of a male Indian brought in – £40. For every scalp of a female Indian or male Indian under the age of 12 – £20.”
Massachusetts bounties for Penobscot natives, 1753

19. Based on both documents above which statement is accurate?

1. The Penobscot natives had a peaceful relationship with the Massachusetts colonists
2. The relationship between the Native Americans and colonists was based on geography
3. initially the Native Americans had more wealth than the English settlers
4. the relationship between Native Americans and the colonists varied greatly in time and place

20. Which statement about the documents above is an opinion rather than fact?

1. Massachusetts placed a price on the head of certain Native Americans
2. The Penobscot females were less frightening than the males
3. Killing a child yielded a smaller bounty than a male
4. Penobscot natives had reason to fear Massachusetts colonists

21. Explain how the system of mercantilism worked.

*22. Compare EITHER the social, economic **OR** political difference between the New England, Middle and Southern colonies.*

23. Describe the effect of geography on the New England, Middle and Southern colonies.

24. Identify 1 example of the colonies affording the settlers more freedom AND 1 example of a freedom that was denied.

Answer Key

1. 2

2. 3

3. 4

4. 1

5. 1

6. 2

7. 4

8. 1

9. 3

10. 3

11. 1

12. 3

13. 4

14. 3

15. 1

16. 3

17. 1

18. 3

19. 4

20. 2

