

FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

Document	Date Written	Who?	Why?
Mayflower Compact (p.100) -laws passed by majority would be followed by all.	1620	Pilgrim Leaders	Established just & equal laws for good of colony
Magna Carta (p. 228) -provided "trial by jury"	1215	English Nobles	Limit powers of the King
Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (p. 105) - 1 st written constitution	1639	Freemen of Connecticut	Establish rules of orderly government
English Bill of Rights (p. 228) -"right to bear arms - forbids "cruel & unusual punishment" - established "frequent elections for Parliament"	1689	English Nobles & Parliament	End divine right of King & establish supremacy of Parliament
These documents helped pave the way for the creation of the U.S. Constitution!			