

Lesson Quiz 2-2

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Origins of American Government

DIRECTIONS: True/False In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

- _____ 1. The colonists used word-of-mouth and printing to share the events leading to the Declaration of Independence; today we could use technologies such as e-mail to accomplish this task.
- _____ 2. Because of what they saw as unfair taxation, colonists stopped buying British goods.
- _____ 3. Britain reacted to the First Continental Congress by weakening its control over the colonies.
- _____ 4. Following the Declaration of Independence, the Second Continental Congress instructed the states to begin writing constitutions.
- _____ 5. Many people believe the inalienable rights set forth in the Declaration of Independence are not human-made, but come from higher powers.

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 6. Leaders such as Thomas Jefferson formed committees of correspondence that
 - A. began writing a national constitution.
 - B. established colonial legislatures.
 - C. sent soldiers to fight in the French and Indian War.
 - D. urged resistance to the British.
- _____ 7. After considerable discussion, the First Continental Congress
 - A. decided to go to war against the British.
 - B. established a central government and chose John Hancock as its president.
 - C. imposed an embargo on Britain.
 - D. instructed the colonies to create written constitutions.
- _____ 8. When the Declaration of Independence states it is drawing on “the Laws of Nature and Nature's God,” it is expressing an idea that primarily originated with
 - A. George Washington.
 - B. John Locke.
 - C. Richard Henry Lee.
 - D. Samuel Adams.
- _____ 9. The Declaration of Independence states that governments
 - A. can establish standing armies without the consent of the legislatures.
 - B. derive their powers from the consent of the governed.
 - C. do not have the right to tax those they govern.
 - D. have divine rights that set them above the people they govern.
- _____ 10. In 1776, states began creating written constitutions because they
 - A. knew that once they were independent, they needed orderly governments.
 - B. realized they needed British protection in order to survive.
 - C. wanted the states to be united under a single national government.
 - D. wanted to increase the amount of goods they were trading with Britain.