

American constitutional government is founded on concepts articulated in earlier documents including the charters of the Virginia Company of London the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

Charters of the Virginia Company of London guaranteed colonists the Rights of Englishmen.

The Virginia Declaration of Rights served as a model for the Bill of Rights of the United States of Americas.

Declaration of Independence stated grievances against the King of Great Britain, declared the colonies' independence from Great Britain, affirmed certain unalienable rights (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness), and established the idea that all people are equal under the law.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the foundations of American constitutional government by:
b) explaining the significance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, and the Constitution of the United States of America, including the Bill of Rights.