Ch. 2 Sec. 2 Notes

The Coming of Independence

“We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.”

- Benjamin Franklin

British Colonial Policies

* Until the mid-1700s, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were allowed a great deal of freedom in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the English monarchy. They were controlled largely through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in London. In theory they were governed in all matters from London, but they were 3,000 miles away and it took nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sail one way.
* The relationship between Britain and the colonies had become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the central government in London was responsible for colonial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, provided a uniform system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for colonial trade.
* In 1760, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ imposed new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the colonists. Restrictive trading acts were expanded and enforced. New taxes were imposed, mostly to support \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in North America. The colonist protested because of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” The colonists considered themselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ subjects but refused to accept Parliament’s claim that it had a rights to control their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The colonists started a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, proposed an annual congress, and began to rebel.

Growing Colonial Unity

* Early Attempts
  + In 1643, several New England settlements formed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, New Haven and Connecticut
  + A confederation is a joining of several groups for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + In 1754, Benjamin Franklin proposed the Albany Plan of Union, in which an annual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of delegates (representatives) from each of the 13 colonies would be formed. This plan was turned down by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Stamp Act Congress
  + In 1765, a group of colonies sent delegates to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in New York.
  + These delegates prepared the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against British policies and sent it to the king. This was the first time that a large number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joined to oppose the British government. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ repealed the Stamp Act but new laws were passed and new policies were made to tie the colonies closer to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Stamp Act Congress

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – is a refusal to buy or sell certain products or services.
* March 5, 1770 – British troops in Boston fired on a jeering crowd, killing 5, in what was to become the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – December 16, 1773 – colonist disguised as Indians dumped cargo into the sea to protest British control of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Continental Congresses

* First Continental Congress
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – set of laws passed to punish the colonist for the troubles in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and elsewhere.
  + Delegates from every colony except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ met in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on September 5, 1774. The colonists sent a Declaration of Rights to King George III protesting Britain’s colonial policies.
  + The delegates urged each of the colonies to refuse all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with England until British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regulations were repealed, or recalled.
* Second Continental Congress
  + The Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia on May 10, 1775. The battles of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had been fought on April 19.
  + Each colony sent representatives. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was chosen president of the Congress and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was appointed commander and chief.
  + The Second Continental Congress was the nation’s first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but it had no constitutional base.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – July 1776 to March 1781, did everything any government would do.

Declaration of Independence

* On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It announces the independence of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men signed the Declaration.
* Between 1776 and 1777, most of the States adopted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – bodies of fundamental laws setting out the principles, structures and processes of their governments - instead of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adopted a constitution to replace its royal charter.
* Common Features of the states constitutions -
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – government can exist only with the consent of the governed.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-limits on government power over the individual
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-Natural rights that governments can’t limit.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-Executive, Legislative and Judicial
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-Equal branches of government that can nullify a decision by any other branch.