

# U.S. Government

## Chapter Focus Questions

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## Chapter 2 / Section 1 and Section 2

In an effort to truly gain from classroom discussion, it is essential that you do assigned readings. To this I will provide five focus questions per reading assignment. I expect that you will answer these questions in detail and in your own words. Assignments are worth 50 points. The answers should be in depth and in your own words. Answers for each question should be at least 100 words in length. Answers which are copied from the book, will receive a zero credit. Typed answers receive a 5% bump if the assignment is complete. These questions will focus class discussion as we work on this section of the study of Government.

## Chapter Two - Origins of American Government

### *Section 1 - Our Political Beginnings (28 to 33)*

#### **1 - The English Colonies**

Describe and differentiate the three different types (ordered, limited, representative) government set up by English colonists in North America. How do you think this would conflict with the king's rule?

### *Section 2 - The Coming of Independence (34 to 43)*

#### **2 - British Policies to the Colonies**

What were the primary problems that were bringing the colonies into conflict with the British government? What exactly is "taxation without representation" and how does it fit into this play?

#### **3 - Stamp Act Congress**

Talk to me about the Stamp Act Congress. What events led to its creation? What was the outcome? And why do you think the British reacted as they did to the Stamp Act, the violence, and the Congress?

#### **4 - First & Second Continental Congress**

When did they meet? Where did they meet? Who met? And what were the reasons for the two meetings?

#### **5 - Declaration of Independence**

This is America's primary founding document...What was the primary purpose for this document? Who were the individuals most responsible for its creation