

An Informed Voter

Element #2 –Formation of a Nation – The American Experiment

Objectives

- Three major events that influenced pre-revolutionary America.
 - Conditions in America in 1750.
 - The two purposes for promoting education in early America.
 - The two major text books used in America in 1776.
 - Definition of Natural Law or the Law of Nature.
 - The American Fundamental.
 - The Biblical reference used by the founders for the formation of the three branches of government.
 - The difference between a Republic and a Democracy.
1. Three major events that influenced pre-revolutionary America were;
 - a. Research and publications by ___**New England** Pastors
 - b. The Great **Awakening**__ – 1730 to __**1760**__
 - c. The __**French**__ and __**Indian**__ war – 1754 to **1763**__
 2. Conditions in America in 1750 included;
 - a. Fast growing **Population**_
 - b. Only __**2**__% of the population was over 65
 - c. Half the population was under __**16**__ years of age
 - d. Life centered around **FAMILY**__ & **CHURCH**__.
 - e. In most small communities the local **PASTOR**__ was the most educated.
 - f. By 1750 there were six colleges, all were started to provide **MINISTERS**__.
 3. The two major text books used in America in 1776 were;
 - a. The **BIBLE**__
 - b. New England **PRIMER**_
 4. In the Declaration of Independence God is referenced __**4**__ times
 5. “The law of nature is that which God at the time of creation of the nature of man infused into his heart, for his preservation and direction...the moral law, called also the law of nature.”
 6. America was founded on the fundamental of **LIBERTY**__.
 7. The Biblical reference used by the founders to establish our three branches of government is: **ISAIAH 33:22**__.
 8. The best example of a democracy is a **LYNCH**__ mob in action.
 9. In a Republican form of government, powers of the sovereignty are vested in the **PEOPLE**__.
 - a. People are supreme not **GOVERNMENTS**__.
 10. Morality is based on **CHRISTIAN**__ principles, which is the bases for a republic, which leads to **LIBERTY**__ and **FREEDOM**__.