

Founding Fathers Principles and The Progressives

1. Founding Fathers Principles
 - a. Declaration of Independence
 - i. Meant for the king and the world.
 - ii. Declared America to be its own country.
 - iii. 27 complaints against England.
 - b. US Constitution
 - i. Preamble
 1. 7 articles describing the government's function and structure.
 2. Legislative-Congress
 3. Executive-Presidency
 4. Judicial-Federal Courts
 - a. Checks and balances keeps branches from getting too much power.
 - c. Bill of Rights
 - i. 1st 10 amendments to constitution.
 - ii. 27 amendments in total.
 - d. Beliefs
 - i. See above for government structure
 - ii. Humans have unalienable rights given by God
 - iii. All men are created equal
 - iv. Right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness
2. Progressives
 - a. Human nature could be changed through laws.
 - b. Use the government to change society and people.
3. Human nature can't be changed.
 - a. "You cannot make men good by law: and without good men you cannot have a good society. That is why we must go on to think of the second thing: of morality inside the individual." C.S Lewis
 - i. VIRTUES

Dictionary words to add:

Unalienable Rights: Universal rights for every individual, not given by a government.

Progressive Era: Middle class movement that wanted to correct abuses in business and politics by creating more laws.

Human Nature: the general psychological characteristics, feelings, and behavioral traits of humankind, shared by all humans.