Unit 1

Foundations of American Government

Essential Question

What should be the goals of government?

Chapter 1 Essential Question

Is government necessary?

Chapter 2 Essential Question

How does the Constitution reflect the times in which it was written?

Chapter 3 Essential Question

How has the Constitution lasted through changing times?

Chapter 4 Essential Question

Is the federal system the best way to govern the United States?

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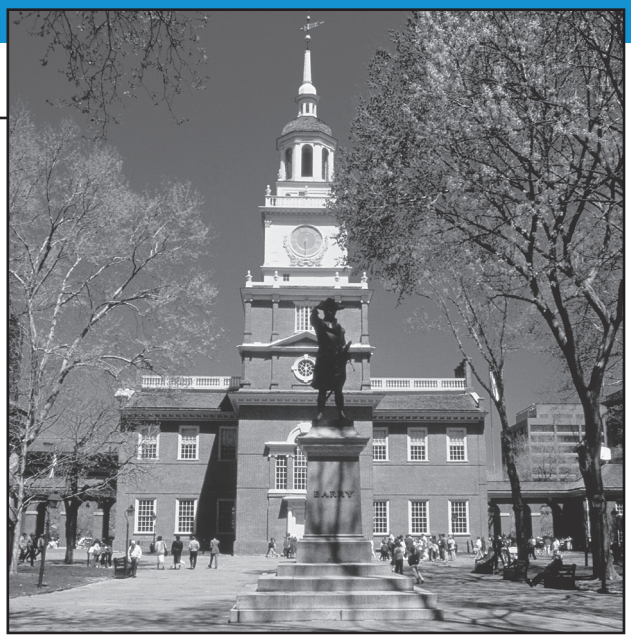
Warmup

What should be the goals of government?

Like cities, writing, art, and religion, government has always gone hand in hand with civilization. People do not seem to be able to live together without government. It regulates, organizes, and protects society. In Unit 1, you will study the goals and purposes of government and explore the possible answers to the Essential Question above.



Philadelphia's Independence Hall was the birthplace of the Constitution of the United States.

A. Study the chart of specific activities that governments usually do. In your opinion, what are the three most important activities of government? Circle them.

Organize	Protect	Regulate
Maintain food supplies	Safeguard territory	Punish crimes
Provide for the needy	Defend the citizenry	Manage trade
Collect taxes	Build defenses	Manage public lands
Develop resources	Set up armies	Oversee trade/business
Establish public schools	Care for the environment	Police alcohol/drugs
Manage resources	Safeguard consumers	

B. What are three additional activities of government?

Organize: _____

Protect: _____

Regulate: _____

C. Are there any activities that you believe government should NEVER take part in? Explain your answer.

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