

Documents In Virginia History



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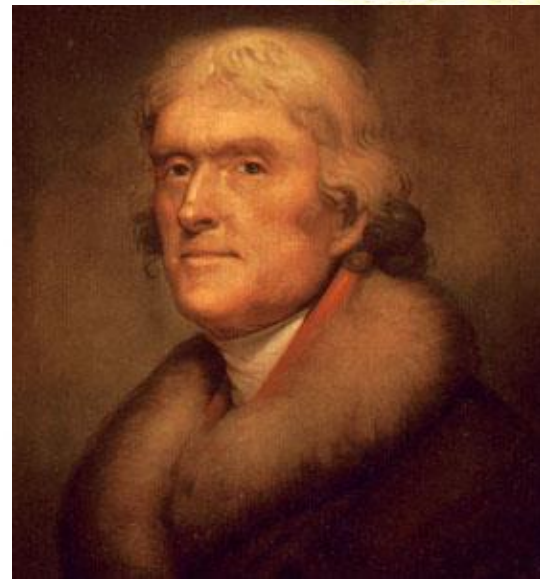
Virginia Company of London Charter

- *These documents gave the King's permission to start a colony in the new world.*
- *Jamestown was the first colony in 1607.*
- *In return for permission to settle the colony the Virginia Company of London sent some of the profits back to the King.*



Declaration of Independence

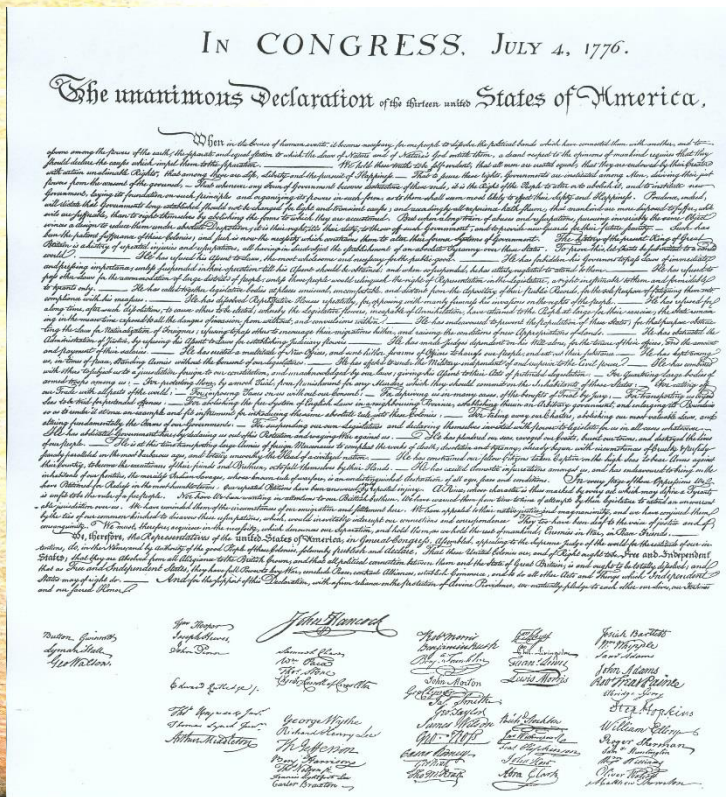
- *Written by Thomas Jefferson.*
- *Signed on July 6, 1776.*
- *It explained why the colonists were unhappy with English rule, and that they planned to rule themselves to right these wrongs.*



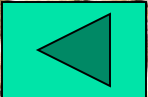
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Declaration of Independence



- Stated that “the people” had authority instead of “Kings.”
- Stated that all people are created equal and have rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



Virginia Declaration of Rights

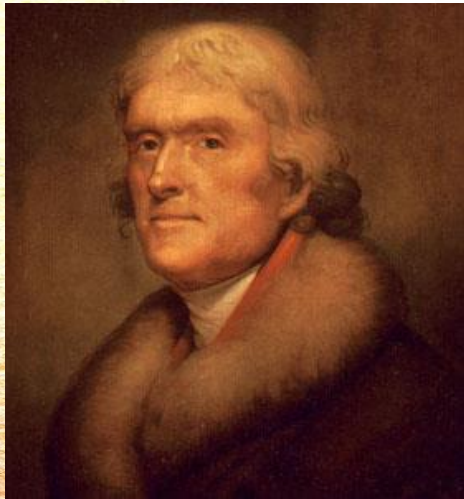
- *Written by George Mason & approved on June 12, 1776.*



- *Stated that all Virginians had certain rights including:*
 - a. *Freedom of Religion*
 - b. *Freedom of Press*
- *This document became the basis for the Bill of Rights of the Constitution*

Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom

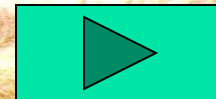
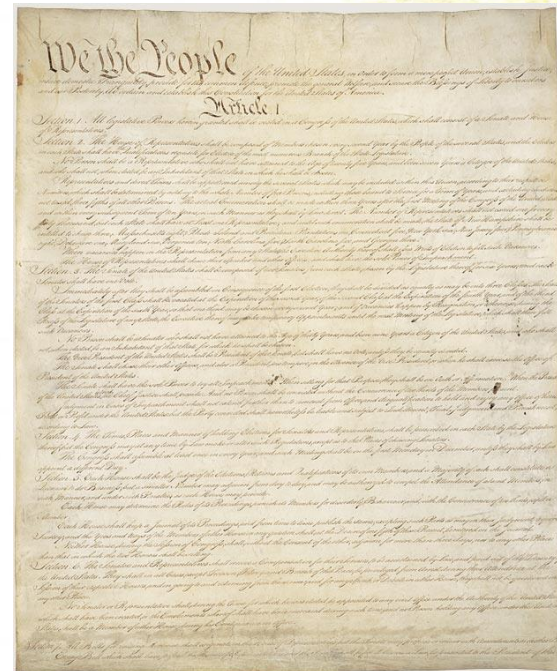
- *Written by Thomas Jefferson.*



- *States that people should be free to worship as they please.*
- *Separated church and state (government).*
- *Said people should not have to pay for any church unless they want to.*
- *Was the basis for the 1st amendment of the constitution.*

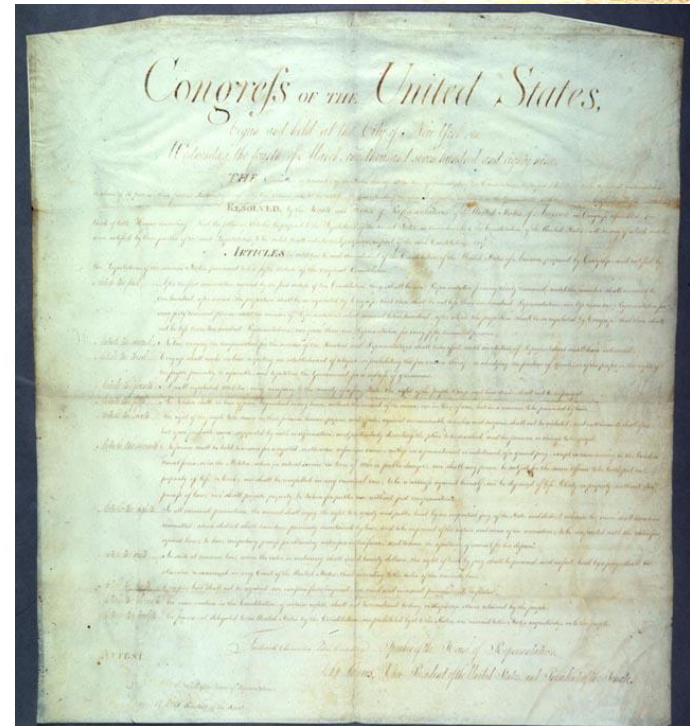
United States Constitution

- *It has 2 main parts*
 1. *Constitution – guides the government and gives rules for how it should work.*
 2. *Bill of Rights* – lists all the rights that citizens have that the government must protect.

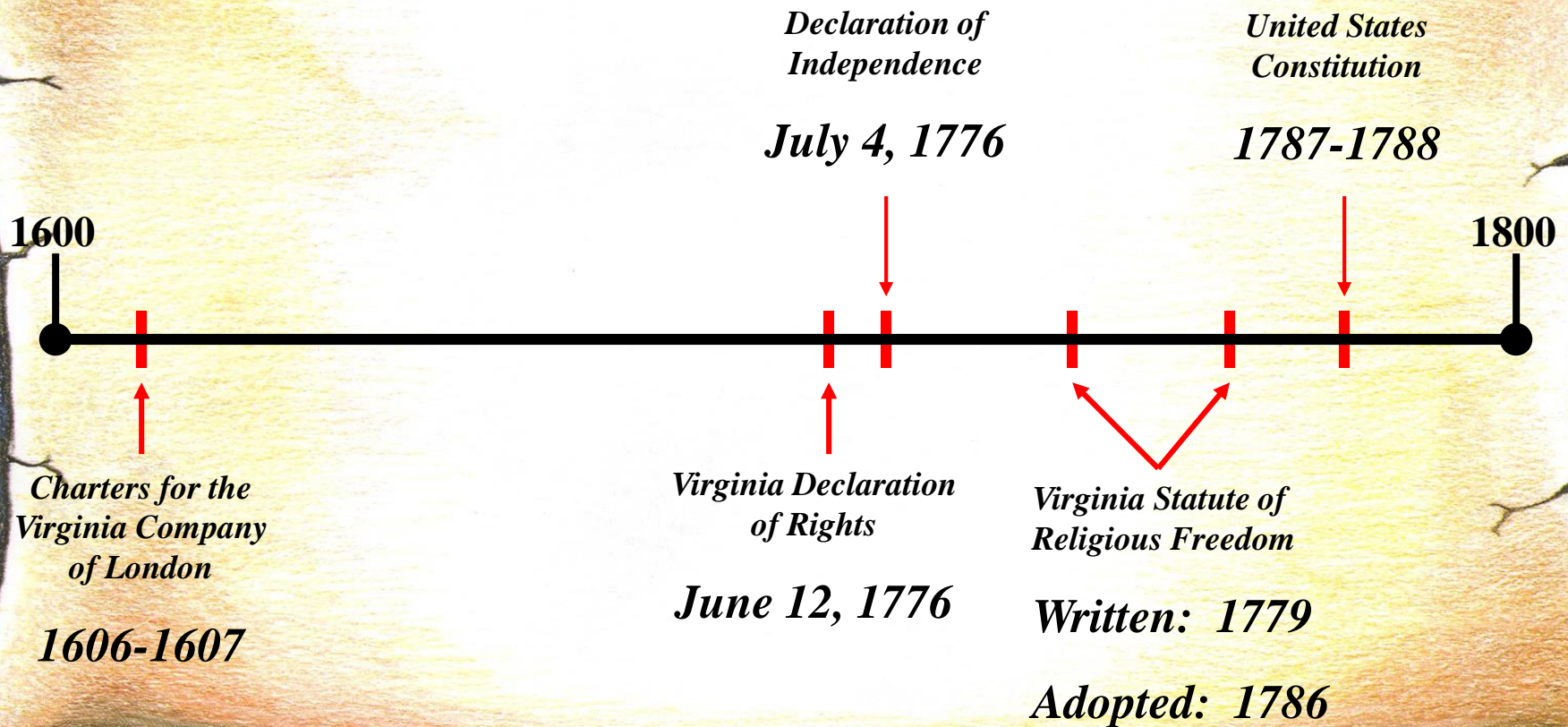


Bill of Rights

- ***The Bill of Rights was based ideas from the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Virginia Statue of Religious Freedom.***



Documents of Virginia Timeline



Assessment – 1 of 3

- *Who wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights?*

Answer

- *Why is James Madison called the “Father of the Constitution”?*

Answer

- *The Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution was based on what two documents from Virginia?*

Answer

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Assessment – 2 of 3

- *What document gave the King's permission to start a colony in the New World?* *Answer*
- *What document states that all people are created equal and have rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?* *Answer*
- *What are the two main parts of the United States Constitution?* *Answer*



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Assessment – 3 of 3

- *What is listed in the Bill of Rights?*

Answer

- *Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?*

Answer



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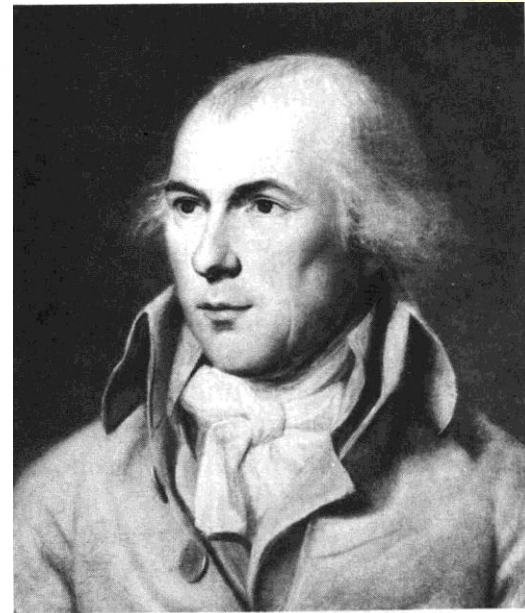
Virginia Declaration of Rights

- *George mason wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights.*



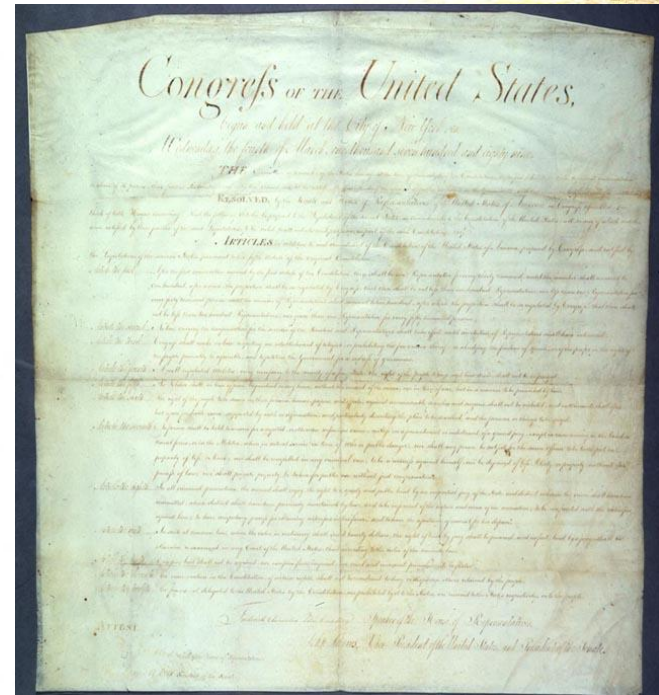
“Father of the Constitution”

- *James Madison is called the “Father of the Constitution” because of the excellent notes he took and the compromises he was able to manage.*



Bill of Rights

- *The Bill of Rights was based ideas from the*
 1. *Virginia Declaration of Rights*
 2. *Virginia Statue for Religious Freedom*



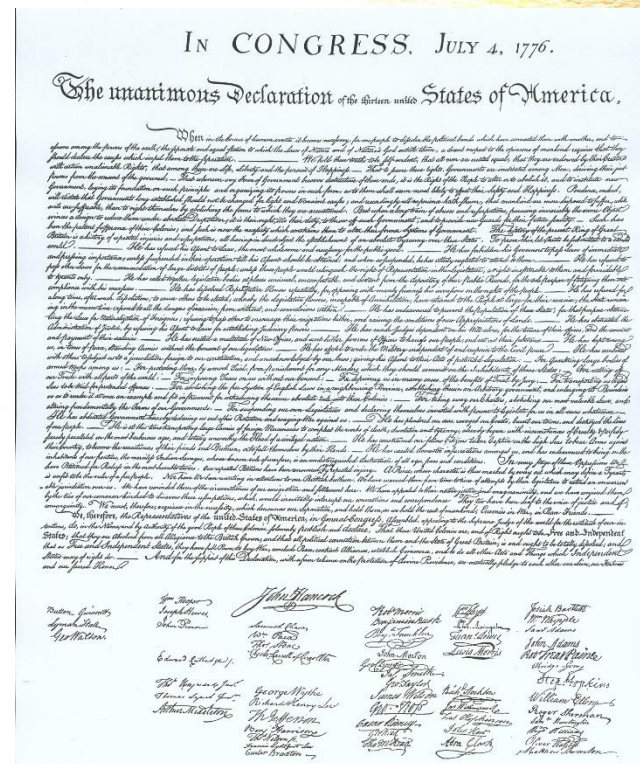
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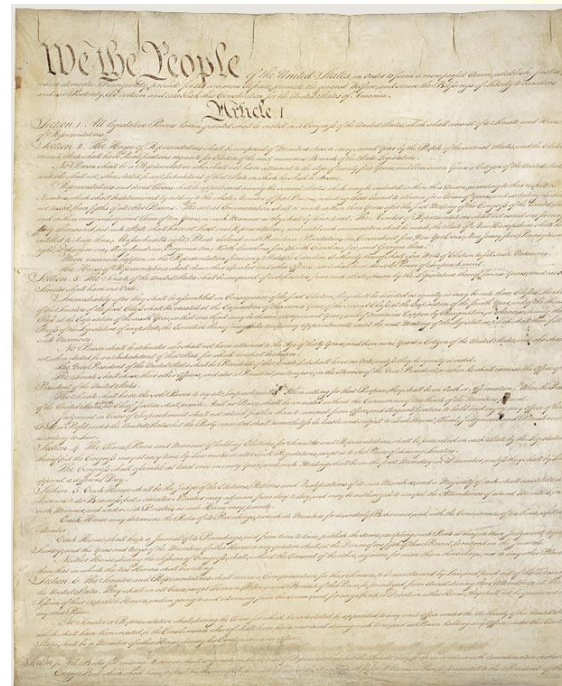
Declaration of Independence

- *The Declaration of Independence states that all people are created equal and have rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*



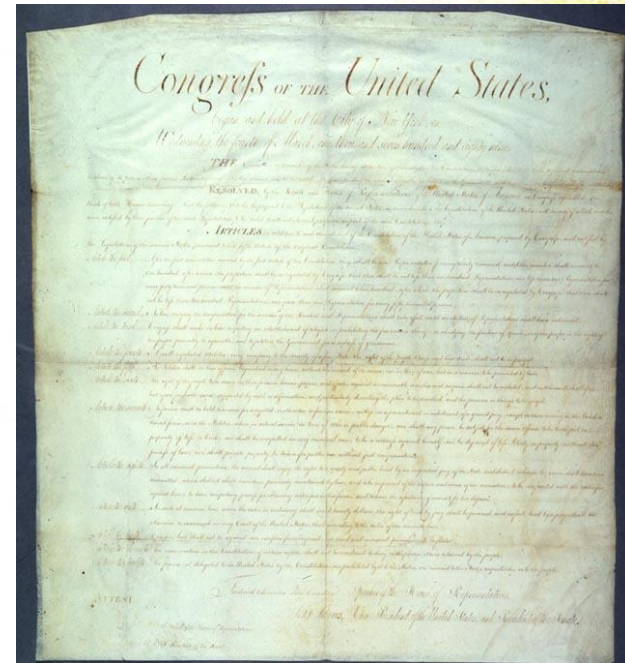
Two Parts of the United States Constitution

1. **Constitution**
2. **Bill of Rights**



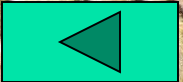
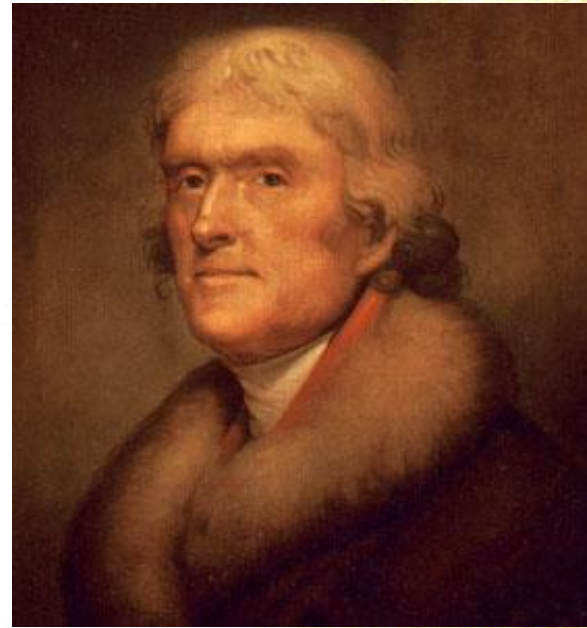
Bill of Rights

- *Bill of Rights – lists all the rights that citizens have that the government must protect.*



Declaration of Independence

- *Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.*



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