

New Renaissance In Education

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM TOPIC AREAS

(You may use or submit Lesson Plans for any of these Curriculum Topics.

You can also proposed new Curriculum Topics)

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Thank you for your contributions!

Curriculum Area: AMERICA'S LEGAL ROOTS

I. OVERVIEW

A. FROM MAGNA CARTA TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION (A SYNOPSIS)

ii. HISTORY OF AMERICA'S LEGAL ROOTS

A. Pre-Magna Carta Legal Systems

B. Magna Carta (1215)

Forerunner Charter of Liberties (1100) – King Henry I

King's Will bound by Law

Habeas Corpus

Influence on English Common Law

Its definition of freemen

C. English Common Law, America's Legal Heritage in

History of. . . (from Norman conquest of England)

Similarities to Germanic, ancient Islamic law

Key Features:

Case Law and Precedents, stare decisis, adjudication, instrumentalism, contracts, torts, property

Criminal law vs. Civil Law (statutory and regulatory law), and conflicts among

History of civil law from Romans

vs. Constitutional Law, and conflicts among

vs. Napoleonic codes, other legal codes from around the world

Evolution of English Common Law. . .

(Key cases)

Transition from English common law

Its influence on and continuance in current U.S. law

D. Transition from English Common Law to U.S. Constitutional Law

“Reception statute” (1776), U.S. vs. Hudson and Goodwin (1812), Judicature Acts injunctive relief, others

E. English Declaration of Rights (Bill of Rights)

James I to the Glorious Revolution, Petition of Rights (1628) and 3 Resolutions (1629)

G. Evolution of Government and Constitutions in the United States

Mayflower Compact (America’s 1st Government Document)

History and Purpose

Significance

House of Burgesses

Connecticut Constitution (1638) – America’s first Constitution

Other colonial Constitutions (Virginia, New Jersey, others)

Albany Plan of Union (1754)

Articles of Confederation

Constitution of Massachusetts (America’s longest running Constitution)