# INFLUENCES ON AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

## QUICK REFERENCE NOTES

# Influences on American Government
## John Locke

- ➤ **Natural Rights**
  - ➤ **Life, Liberty, and Property**
- ➤ **Consent of the governed**
  - ➤ **Voting/Choosing leaders**

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## John Locke

✴ **LOCKE influenced ideas in the Declaration of Independence**

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✴ **Jefferson loves John Locke**

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✴ *We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are endowed by their creature with certain unalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness*
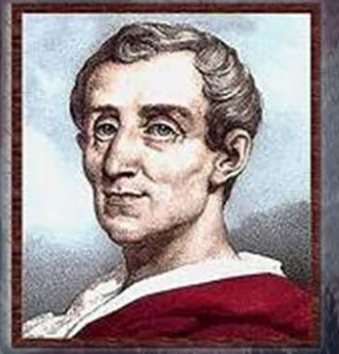
✴ *Thomas Jefferson*

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## Charles de Montesquieu

- ➢ **Wrote about separation of powers**
- ➢ **Influenced our 3 branches of idea**
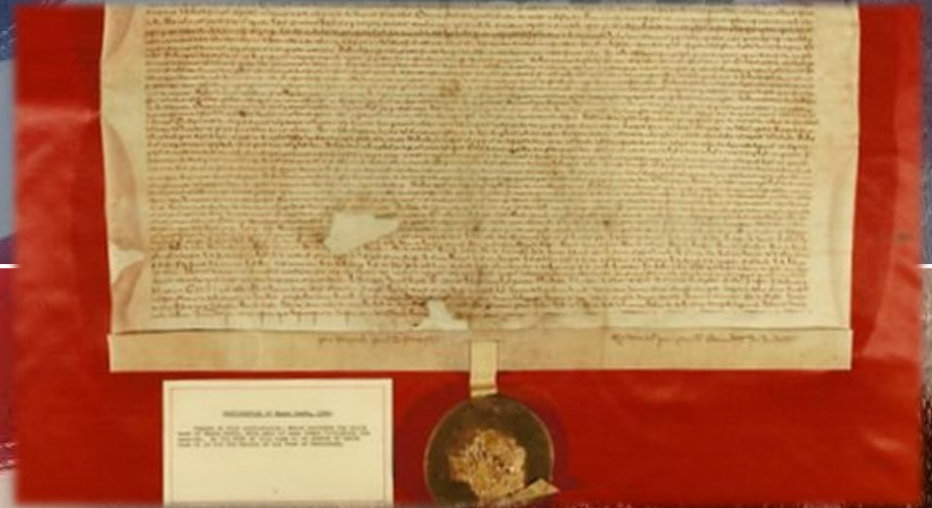- ➢ **Wrote about Balance of Power**

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★ **MAGNA CARTA 1215**

   ★ **King gave up some powers**

   ★ **Trial by jury**

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* **Virginia House of Burgesses 1619**
  * **1$^{st}$ representative assembly in the Colonies**

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* **Mayflower Compact 1620**

  * **Established Self Rule**

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✷ **Fundamental Order of Connecticut 1636**

✷ **1st written Constitution in the Colonies**

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* **English Bill of Rights 1689**

  * **Led to a Bill of Rights in America**