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| Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook Notes  **American Government**  Name:  Period:  Date:  **Chapter 2: Origins of American Government / Section 2: The Coming of Independence** | |
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| **Objectives** | 1. Explain how Britain’s colonial policies contributed to the growth of self-government in the colonies. 2. Identify the major steps that led to growing feelings of colonial unity. 3. Compare the First and the Second Continental Congresses. 4. Analyze the ideas in the Declaration of Independence. 5. Summarize the common features of the first State constitutions. |
| **Key Terms** |  |
| **confederation** | a joining of several different groups for a common purpose |
| **Albany Plan of Union** | Benjamin Franklin’s proposal that the 13 colonies form a congress to raise armed forces, regulate trade, and deal jointly with Native Americans |
| **delegate** | a representative |
| **popular sovereignty:** | the principle that government exists only with the consent of the governed |
| **Introduction** | * **What events and ideas led to American independence?** |
| **Britain’s Colonial Policies** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **How did Britain’s dealings with the colonies change? When did they change & why?** |
| **Growing Colonial Unity** |  |
| **Early Attempts to Unite** |  |
| **The Albany Plan** |  |
| **Stamp Act Congress** |  |
| **First Continental Congress** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **What did the First Continental Congress accomplish?** |
| **Second Continental Congress** | **The Delegates**  **Our First National Government** |
| **Declaration of Independence** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **What did the Second Continental Congress accomplish?** * **What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?** |
| **The Road to Independence** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **How did early events contribute to the signing of the Declaration of Independence?** |
| **State Constitutions** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **How did the state constitutions separate governmental power?** * **What important rights & liberties did they include?** |
| **Review** | * **How does the Constitution that was written in the late 1700’s still meet the expectations and standards of Americans in the year 2018?** |