

Graphic Organizer Title: *Influences on American Government*

Section 1: Leading European Thinkers

1. John Locke

- **Key Ideas:**

- **Influence on American Government:**

Prompt: How does Locke's theory of natural rights appear in the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence?

2. Charles-Louis Montesquieu

- **Key Ideas:**

- **Influence on American Government:**

Prompt: How does Montesquieu's concept of separation of powers shape the structure of the U.S. government?

3. Thomas Hobbes

- **Key Ideas:**

- **Influence on American Government:**

Prompt: How does Hobbes' view of government differ from Locke's, and where can you see traces of Hobbes' influence in early American political thought?

Section 2: Roots of American Government

1. Greek Democracy

- **Key Ideas:**

- **Influence on American Government:**

Prompt: What aspects of Greek democracy are reflected in the way American citizens participate in government today?

2. Roman Republic

- **Key Ideas:**

- **Influence on American Government:**

Prompt: How did the Roman Republic's system of government inspire the framework of the U.S. government?

3. Magna Carta

- **Key Ideas:**

- **Influence on American Government:**

Prompt: How did the Magna Carta influence American constitutional protections for individual freedoms?