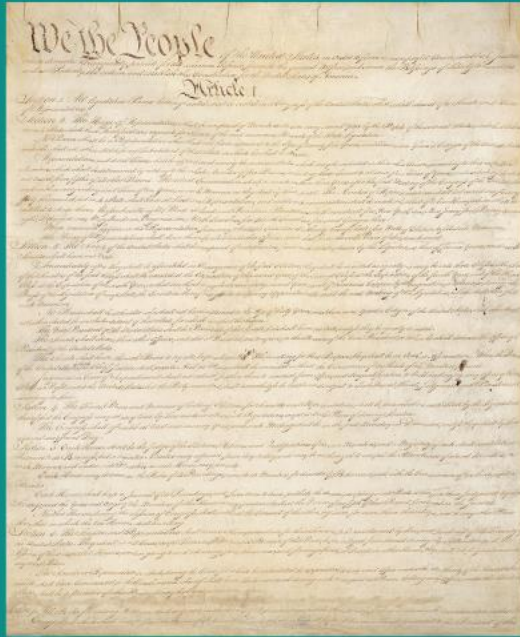


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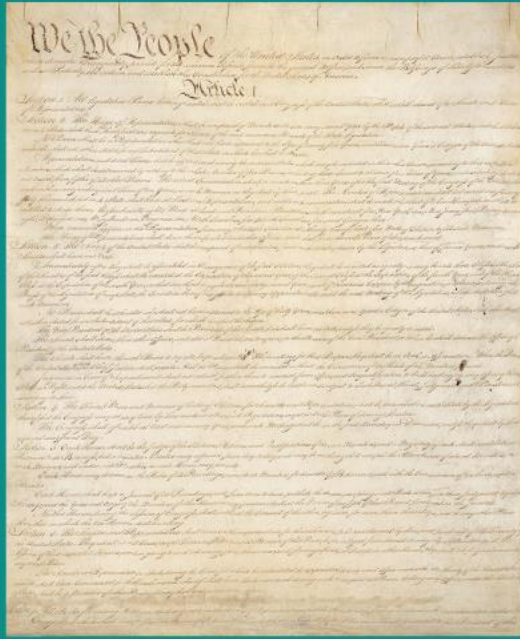
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# **KEY TERMS CENTRAL TO THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER**

- 1. Popular Sovereignty**
- 2. Natural Rights**
- 3. The Rule of Law**



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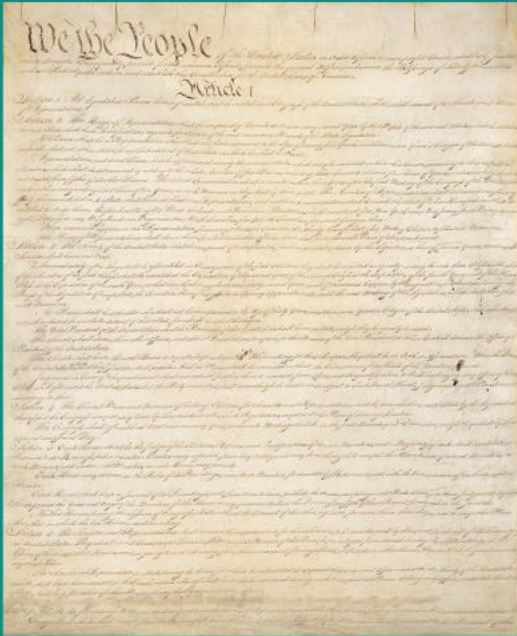
**POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY**

**Beginning with the words “We the People,” the Constitution establishes a government that’s driven by us—not a monarch and not an aristocracy—but by us, the American people.**

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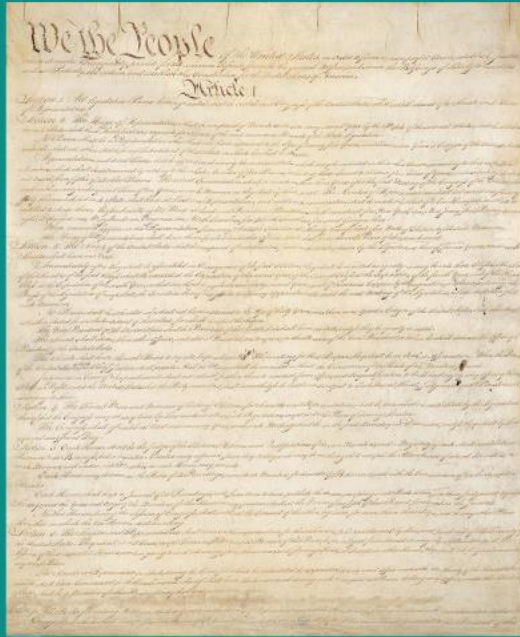
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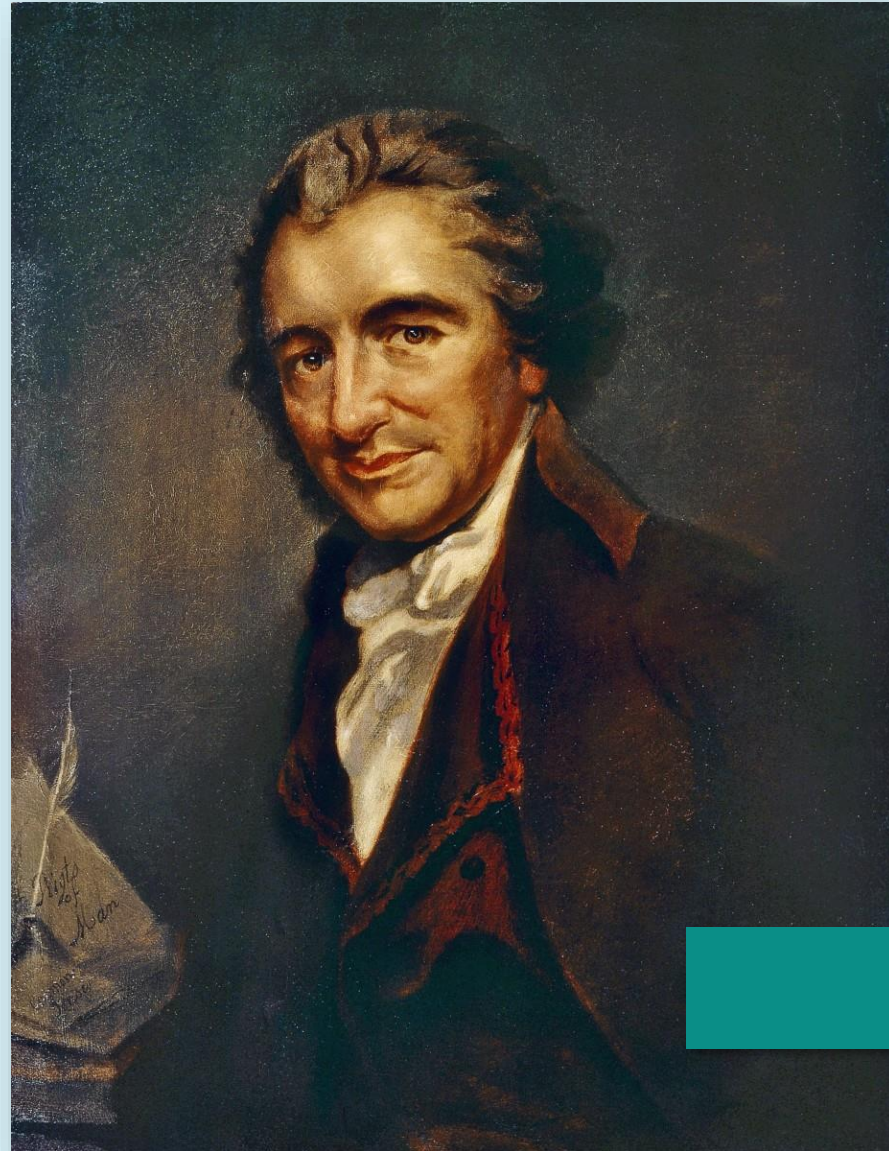


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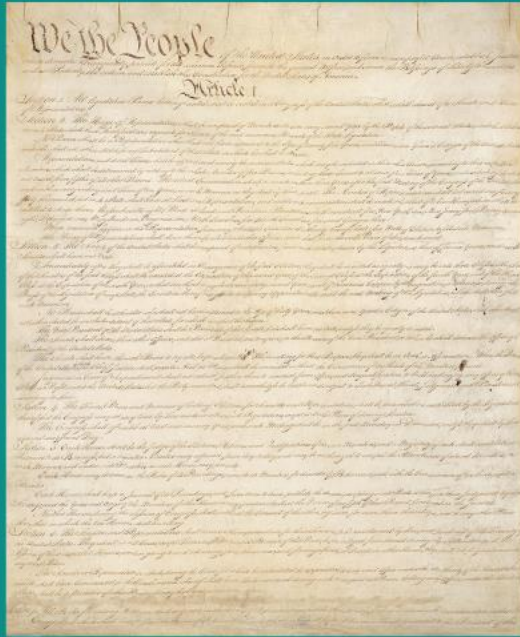
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“A constitution is not the act of a government, but of a people constituting a government, and a government without a constitution is power without right.”

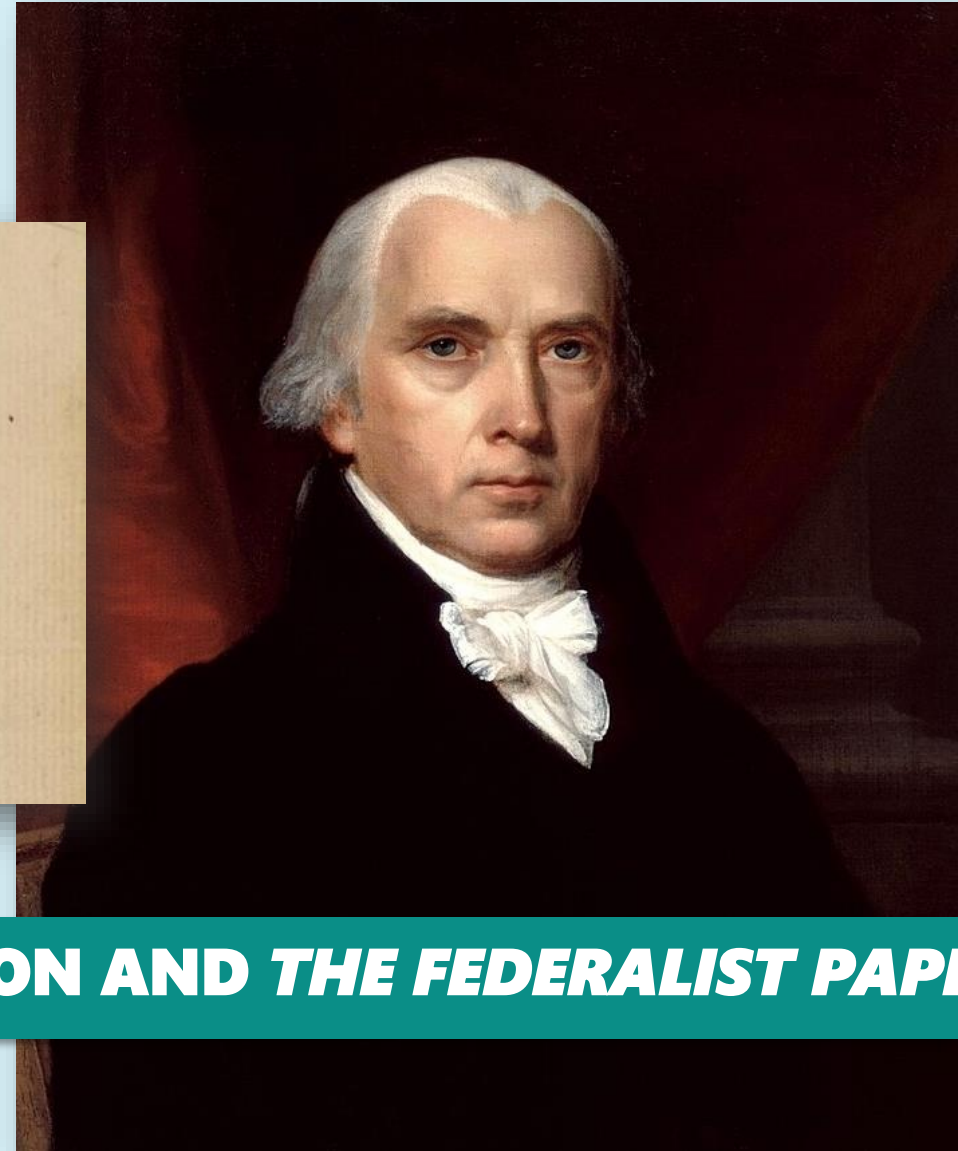
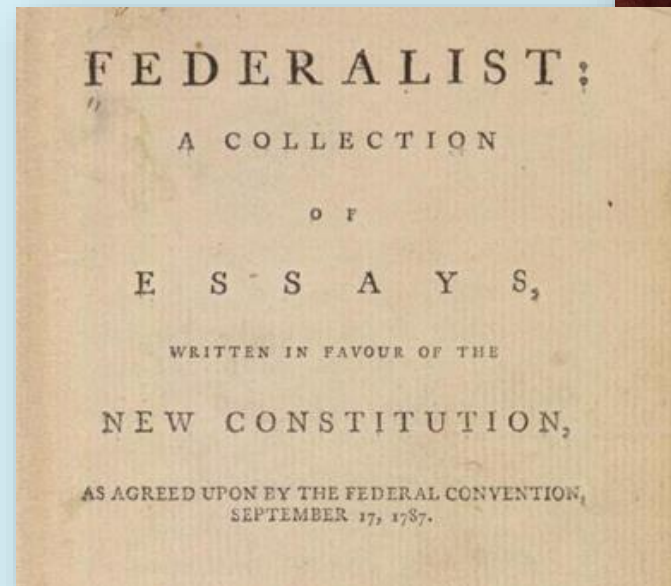
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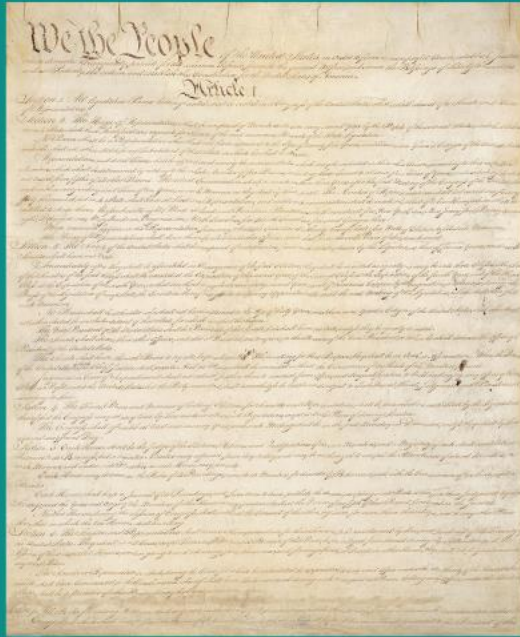
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## JAMES MADISON AND *THE FEDERALIST PAPERS*

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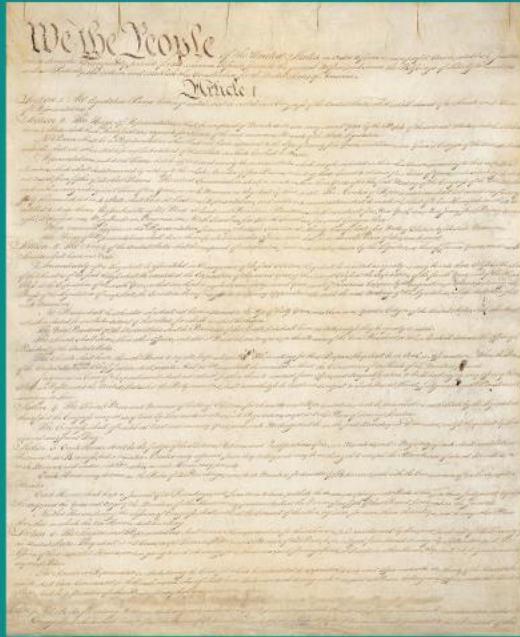
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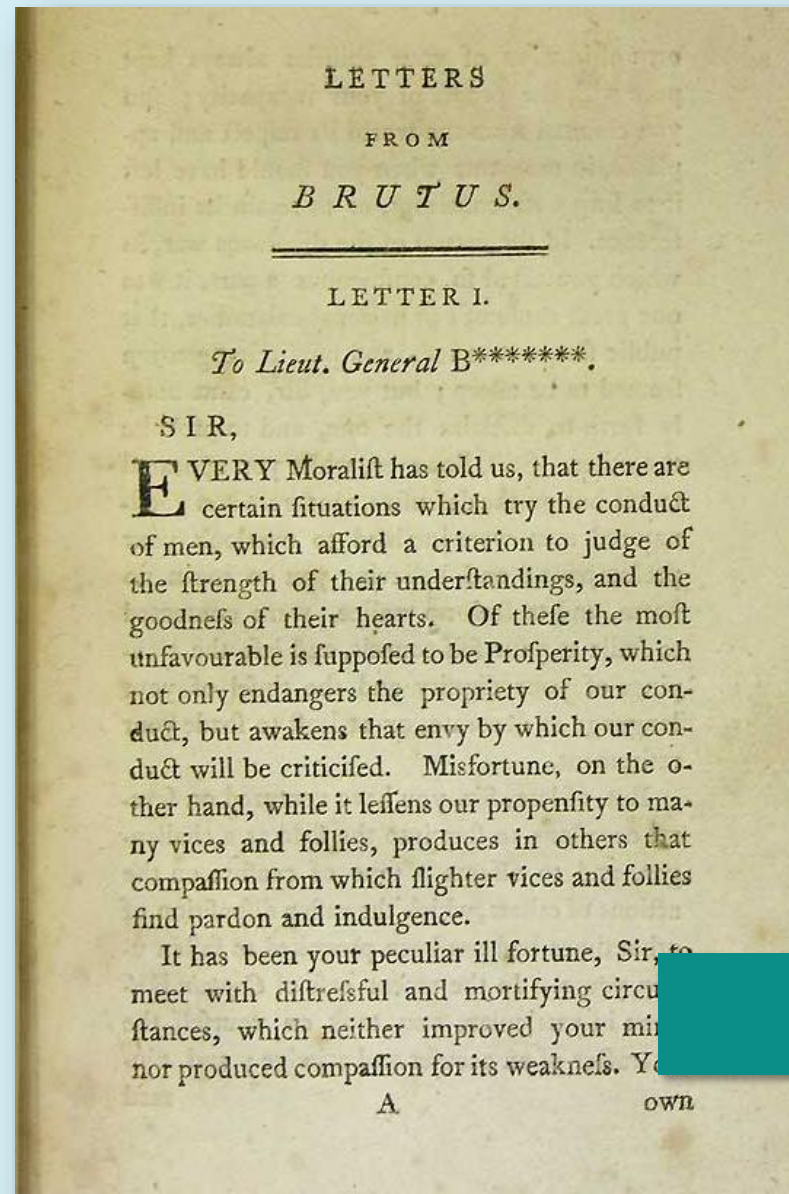
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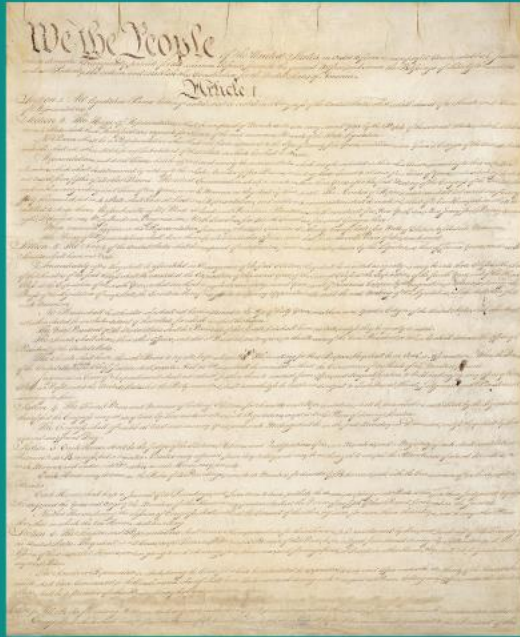
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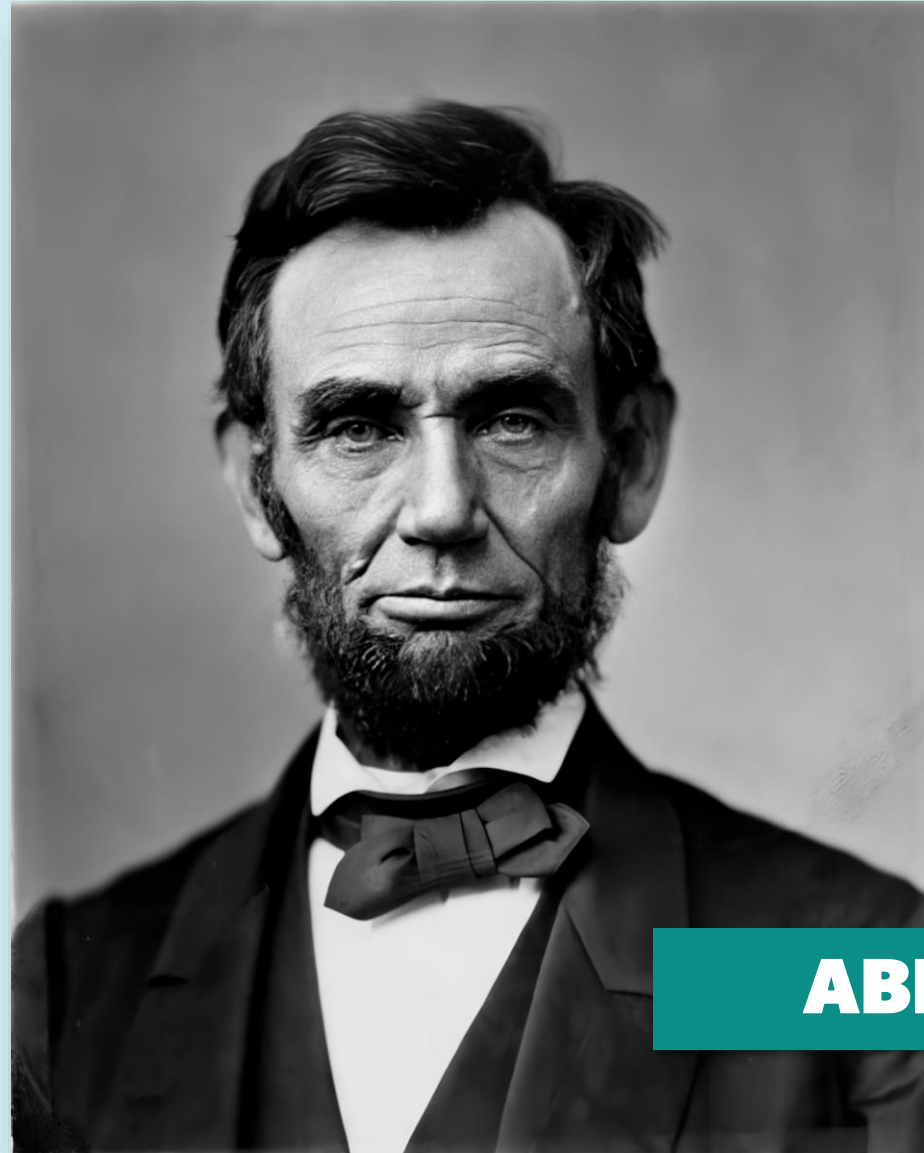
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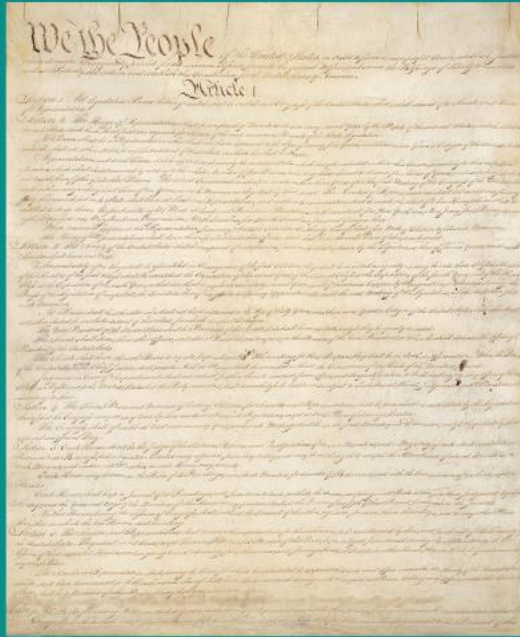


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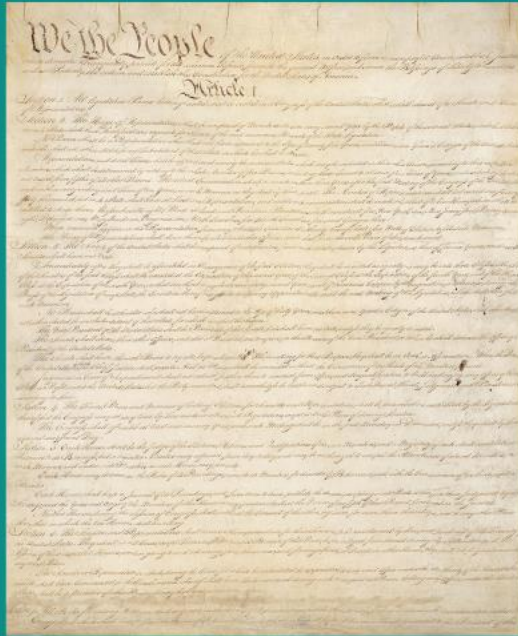
**NATURAL RIGHTS**

**Natural rights are rights that are given by God or by nature and thus come not from any law passed by the government but rather are inherent to all individual human beings from birth.**

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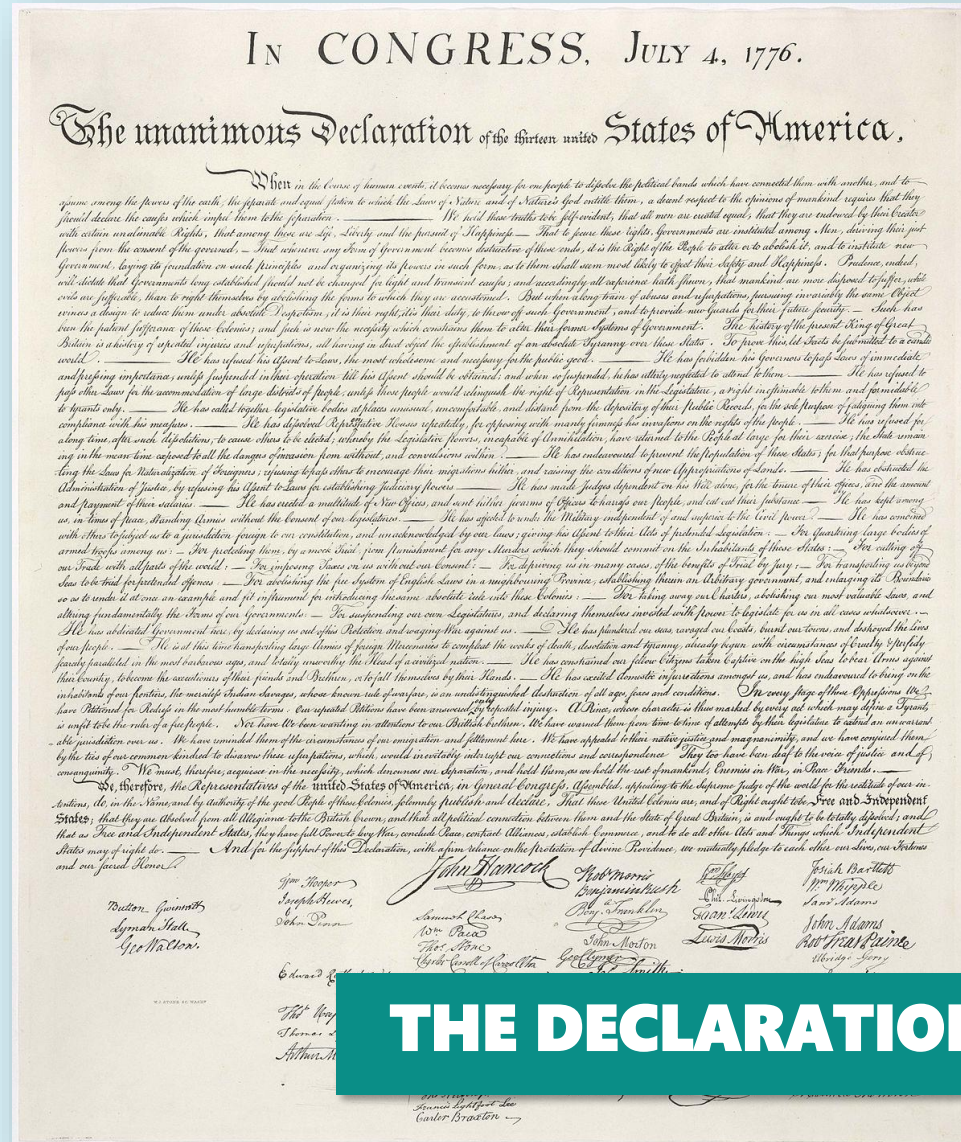


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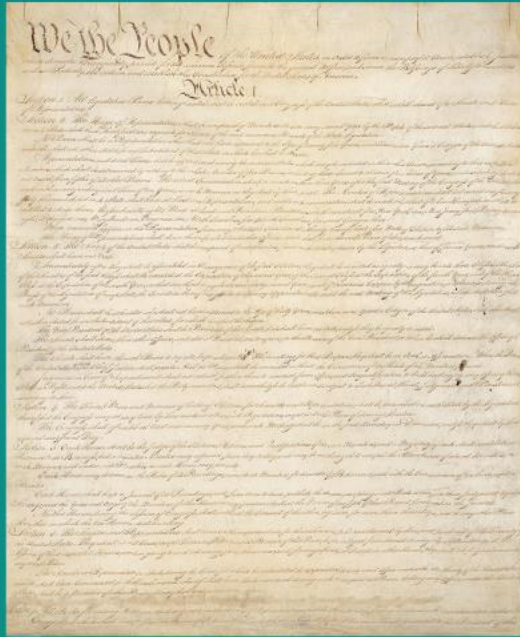


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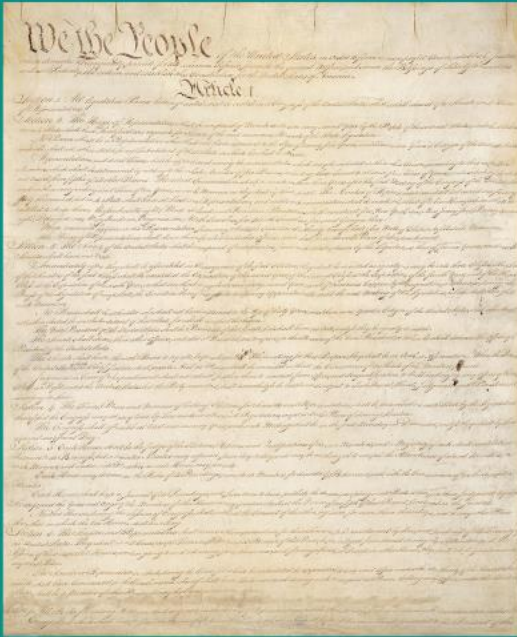
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When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

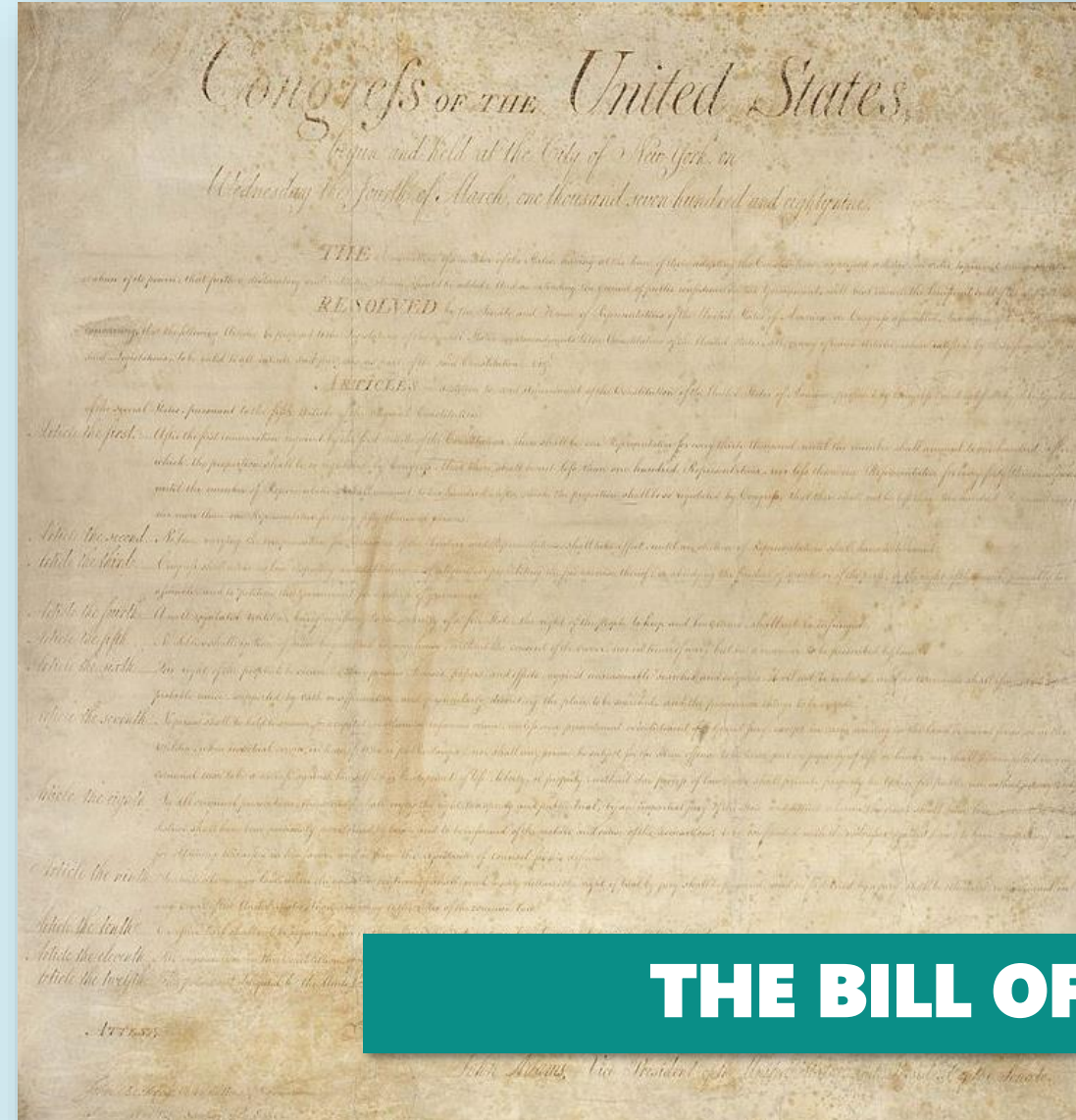
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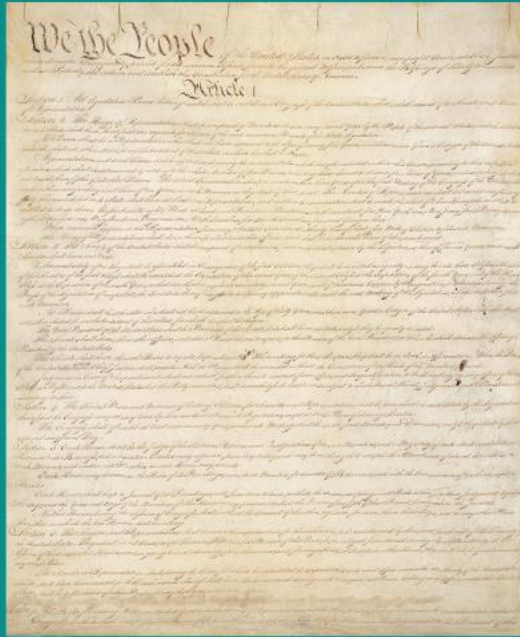


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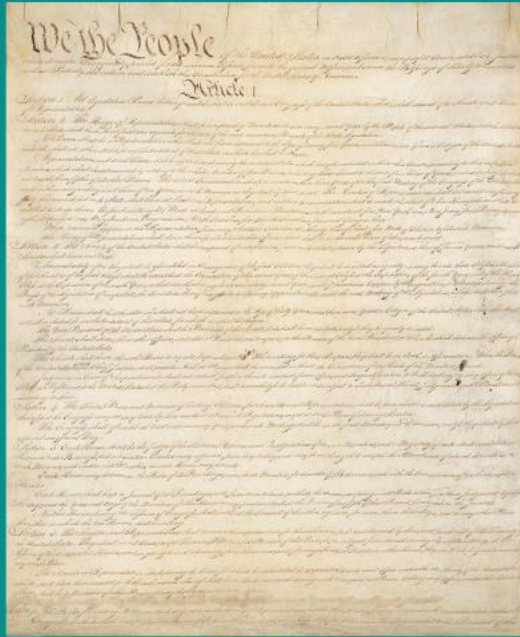
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## **RULE OF LAW**

**The rule of law is the basic idea that we have a government of laws, not a government by man or by arbitrary rule. In other words, no one is above the law.**

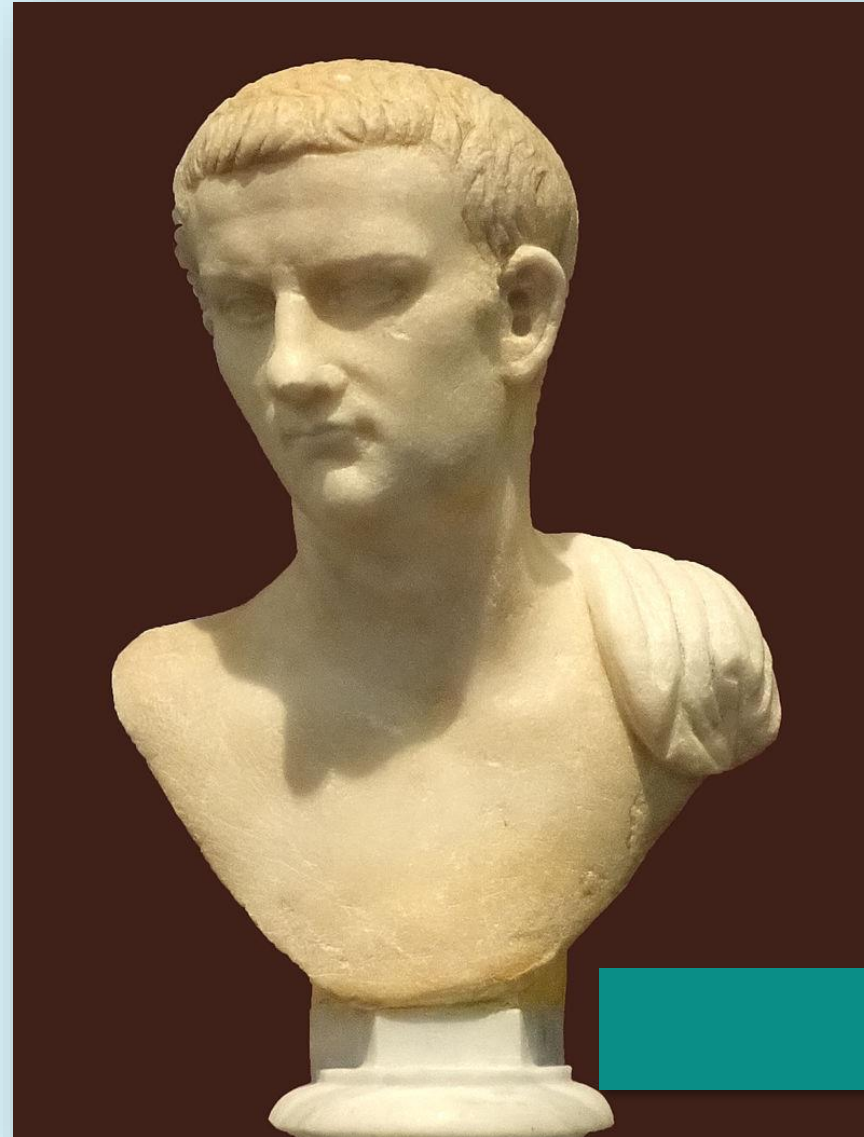


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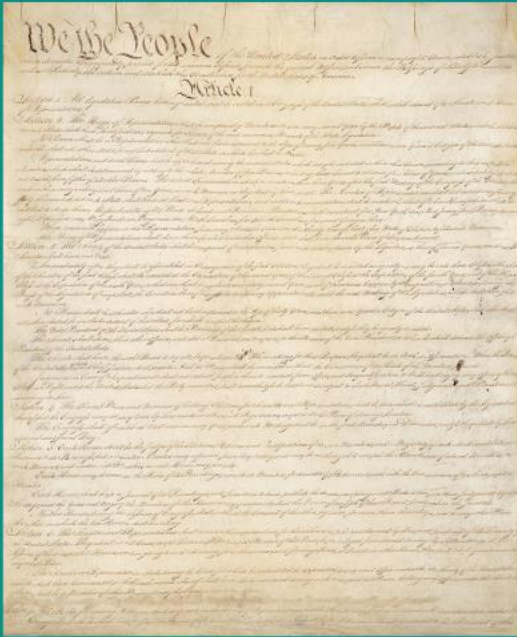


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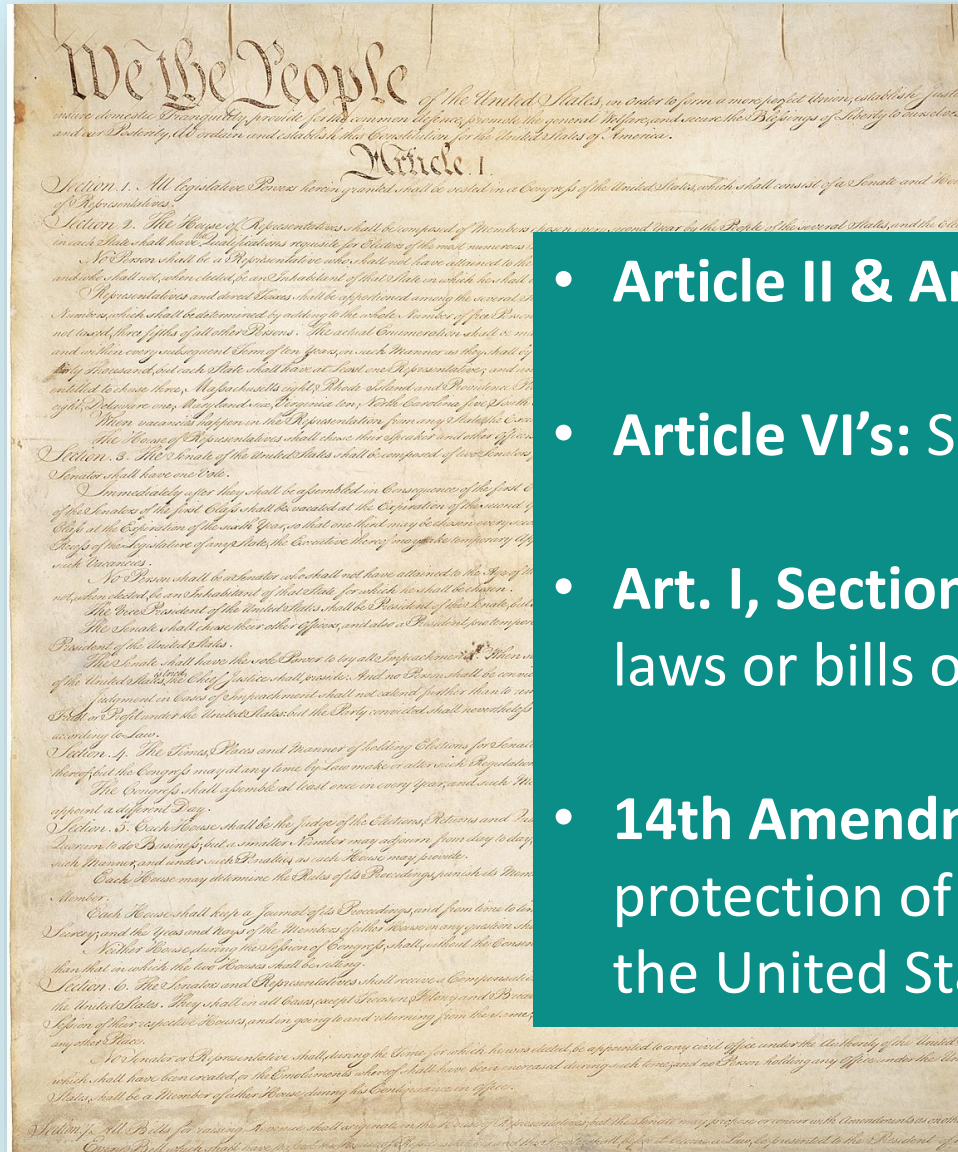
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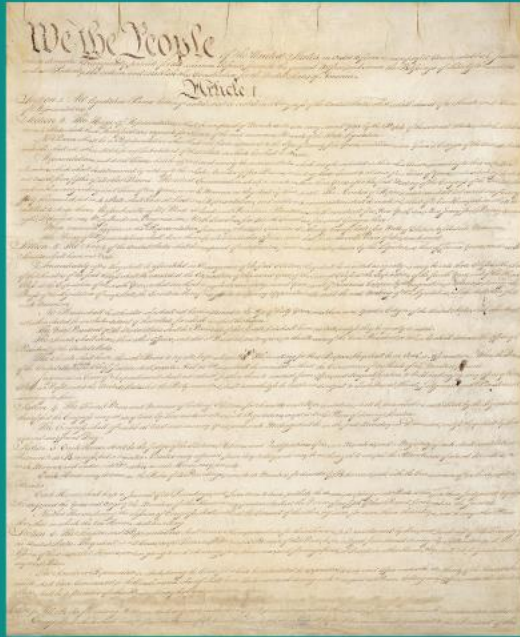


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- Article II & Article VI: Oaths of Office
- Article VI's: Supremacy Clause
- Art. I, Section IX & X: Banned ex post facto laws or bills of attainder
- 14th Amendment: Promised “equal protection of the laws” for “all persons” in the United States



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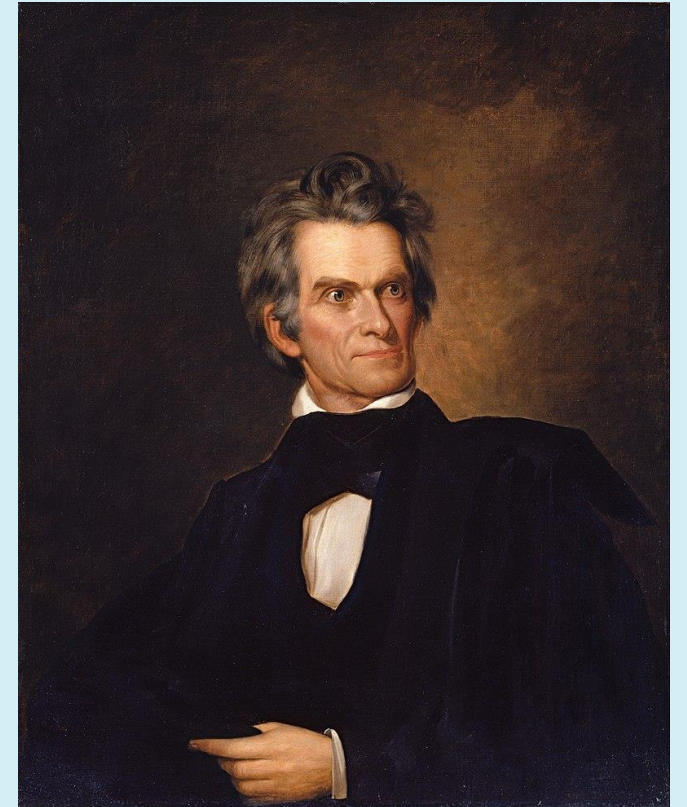


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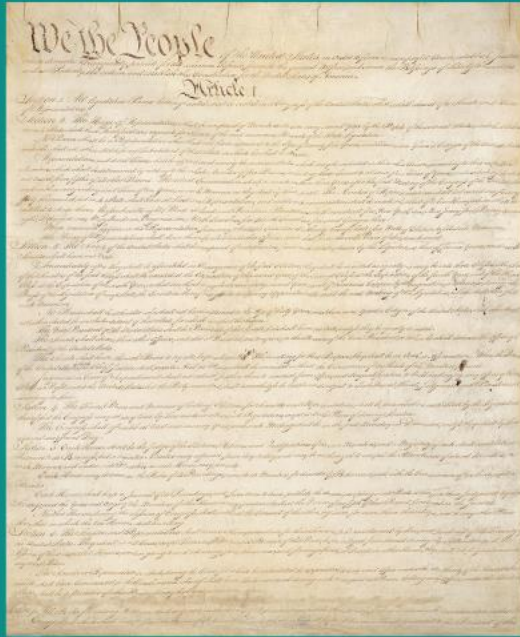
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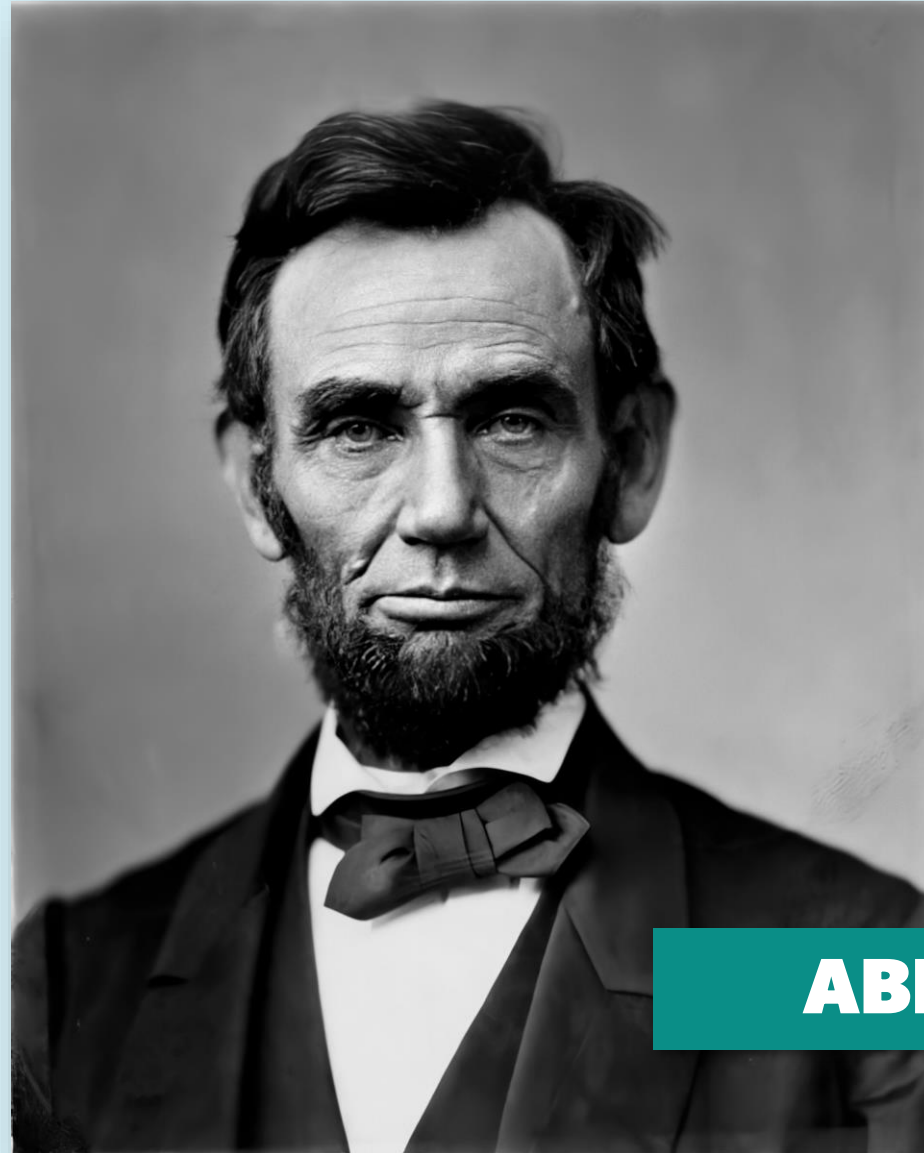


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