# **Origins of United States**

- Enlightenment thinkers
  - As informed by classical ideas
- English government and law
- Iroquois Confederacy



# King John and the Magna Carta - 1215

So what does a 13<sup>th</sup> century English King Have to do with the U.S. Constitution?

The meeting at Runymede



#### **The Glorious Revolution - 1688**

### The English Bill of Rights



- The king could not raise taxes or raise and army without the consent of parliament.
- ❖ It guaranteed trial by jury.
- It outlawed cruel and unusual punishment.















### The Iroquois: the template for a republic

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1C3cQC9ht c0



# What's Missing?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ka7HgmQYDw

