



Introduction to the Early American Republic

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The Early American Republic was a pivotal period in American history, marked by the transition from a colonial entity to an independent nation. This era saw the establishment of a new government, the drafting of the United States Constitution, and the emergence of key principles that would shape the country's future.

1. What were the main characteristics of the Early American Republic?

2. What were the key principles that emerged during this era?

Activity 1: Timeline Creation

Create a timeline of the major events of the Early American Republic, including the American Revolution, the Constitutional Convention, and the ratification of the Constitution.

Principles of Democracy

Match the following principles of democracy with their definitions:

- Liberty
- Equality
- Justice
- Federalism

Definitions:

- The freedom to make choices and live life as one desires
- The idea that all individuals are equal and deserving of equal rights and opportunities
- The concept of fairness and morality in the application of laws and rules
- A system of government where power is divided between a central authority and constituent political units

Activity 2: Matching Game

Match the principles of democracy with their definitions.

Principle	Definition
Liberty	
Equality	
Justice	
Federalism	

Key Figures and Events

Choose one of the key figures from the Early American Republic and write a short biographical sketch, including their role in shaping the country's history.

Activity 3: Biographical Sketch

Write a short biographical sketch of one of the key figures from the Early American Republic.

Interactive Activities

Debate the following topic: "The Constitution is a living document that should be interpreted in the context of modern society." Take on the role of either a federalist or an anti-federalist and argue your position.

Activity 4: Debate

Argue for or against the topic.

Quiz Time

Test your knowledge of the Early American Republic and its principles with the following quiz questions:

1. Who was the first president of the United States?

2. What was the main purpose of the Constitutional Convention?

Activity 5: Quiz

Answer the quiz questions.

Critical Thinking Exercises

Read the following case study and answer the questions that follow:

The Supreme Court has ruled that a state law prohibiting same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. What implications does this decision have for the principle of equality?

1. How does this decision reflect the principle of equality?

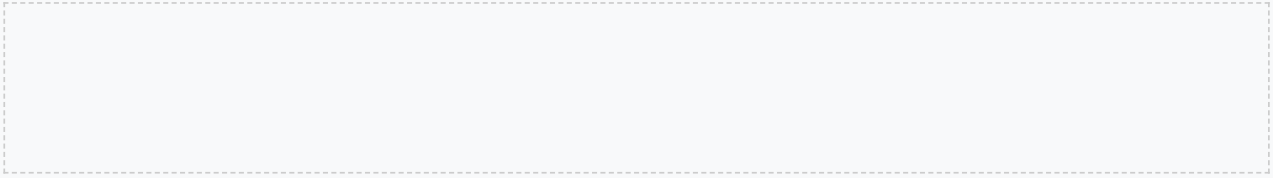
2. What are the potential consequences of this decision for the LGBTQ+ community?

Activity 6: Case Study

Answer the questions related to the case study.

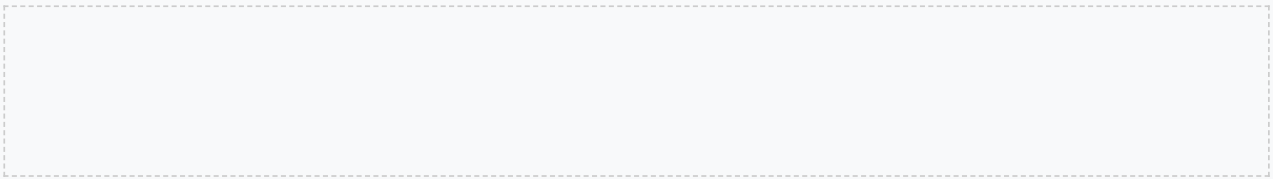
Creative Corner

Create a poster that illustrates one of the principles of democracy, such as liberty or equality.



Activity 7: Poster Creation

Create a poster illustrating a principle of democracy.



Reflection and Feedback

Write a short reflection essay on what you have learned about the Early American Republic and its principles. What did you find most interesting or challenging? How do you think the principles of democracy can be applied to contemporary society?

Activity 8: Reflection Essay

Write a reflection essay on your learning experience.

Additional Resources

For further learning and exploration, check out the following resources:

- National Archives: www.archives.gov
- Library of Congress: www.loc.gov
- Crash Course: www.crashcourse.com

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the welcome pack! We hope you have gained a deeper understanding of the Early American Republic and its principles of democracy.

