

Foundation Documents

1776 **Declaration of Independence**

↳ Lockian philosophy, pulled authority away from a historical monarchy

1777 **Articles of Confederation**

↳ Anti-federalist document

1787 **Federalist nr.10**

↳ National union as a safeguard against domestic faction and insurrection

↳ Faction is inevitable.

1788 **Brutus I**

↳ People sacrifice their liberties by allowing for a powerful federal government

↳ Argues that a free republic can not exist in such a large territory as the US

1788 **Federalist nr.51**

↳ Focused on legislative

↳ “Liberty” would directly result from the implementation of checks and balances, and separation of powers

1788 **Federalist nr.70**

↳ Focused on the executive

1788 **Federalist nr.78**

↳ Focused on the judicial.

↳ Discusses judicial review

1789 **Constitution of the United States**

↳ The Constitution was a reaction against the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

↳ Federalism, term limits, civil liberties and civil rights, etc

1963 **Letter from a Birmingham Jail**

↳ Advocated for nonviolent actions

↳ Argues that people have a moral responsibility to break unjust laws and to take direct action rather than wait potentially forever for justice to come through the courts.