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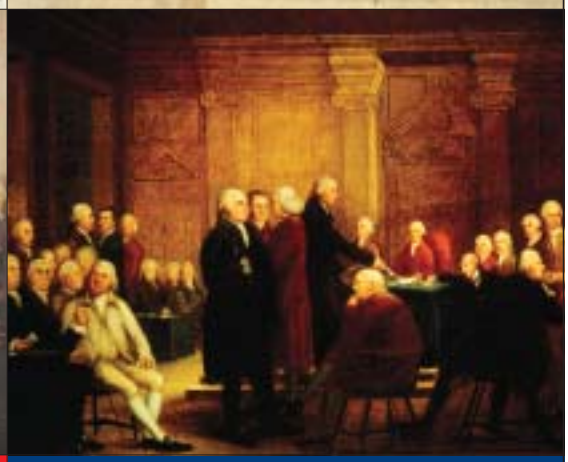
In a democracy, we have many rights. With rights come responsibilities.



Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776. In it, the Founding Fathers claimed freedom from British rule and declared the right of the 13 colonies to govern themselves as a new nation, the United States of America.

Bill of Rights

The first 10 Amendments to the Constitution—known as the Bill of Rights—became law in 1791, 14 years after the Constitution was written in 1787. The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution in order to guarantee basic freedoms for all Americans.