

Traditio for Parents: The Founding Principles of the United States Summer 2022

Summary: This course will cover over a dozen primary source documents from the Magna Carta (1215) to the U.S. Constitution (1789). We will focus on the streams of thought that resulted in the founding of the United States, although (if time allows) we may also spend a little time on the French Revolution (1789) as a contrast.

Goal: Gain a historical and biblical perspective on the role of government and the principles upon which our nation was founded, helping us to make sound political decisions today.

Teacher: Mr. Kimball

Time: August 1–4, 6-8 PM

Location: The Oaks, Room MP4.

Cost: \$60 per person (this includes the cost of a binder and documents for each person).

Size: 8 to 18 (if fewer than 8 sign up, the class may be canceled).

Registration: Registration is on Jupiter. Please register by July 14.

Materials: No book required. A binder with all the necessary primary documents will be provided. Bring your preferred note-taking materials.

Preparation: None is needed, since we will read the primary documents together. But if you want to get an overview of the historical background, here are three quality history texts:

- *Streams of Civilization* (2 volumes) – this is a world history, but you can find the sections that relate to Europe, England, and early America. This is the only one of these three texts that will reach back to the Magna Carta.
- *A Basic History of the United States* by Clarence B. Carson. The first two volumes (out of six total) apply to our time period, starting with colonization. I have multiple copies of this at school that you can borrow.
- *A Patriot's History of the United States* by Schweikart and Allen. This is a long book, but the first 200 pages or so cover colonization through the founding.