7th Grade Civics Mr. Byvik

Ch 4 Roots of Freedom

Foundations of American Constitutional Government

Read in your text the following pages. Then answer in complete sentences the questions listed below. You may print and answer them in writing or you may type them in a word document. Make sure you include your name.

Read Chapter 4 pages 91 – 101

1. Refer to the chart on page 93. Which of John Locke’s ideas had an influence on American government?
2. Why do you think so many of the influences on American Government were British?
3. List four important freedoms established in the English Bill of Rights.
4. What is the major difference between the English Bill of Rights and the Magna Carta?
5. Describe Montescuieu’s primary belief in how a government should be organized?
6. Why did Parliament refuse to listen to the colonist’s protests?
7. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?
8. What are 2 of the most important ideas in the Declaration of Independence?
9. List the powers reserved for the central government in the Articles of Confederation.
10. Why did the colonists want state governments to have more power than the central government