



American National Government

- Week 2
 - Reading: Mayflower Compact
Declaration of Independence
 - Watch Lectures: Lecture 3 American Exceptionalism
Lecture 4 Founding Fathers and Dec. of Independence
 - Vocabulary

American exceptionalism- idea that America is unique in the history of nations.

Colonialism- an economic relationship between a mother country and its colony. The colony's raw materials (lumber, gold, tobacco) are shipped to the mother country where products are made and sold back to the colonies.

Free market- economic system where price is determined by individuals and shaped by competition.

Capitalism- private ownership of wealth creating assets.

Social contract- legitimate governments are organized among individual men who give up some freedoms in order to live in the safety provided by a group (the state).

- Good Reads

Money, Money, Money by Ruth Belov Gross (Excellent children's book about...money!)

History of the Plymouth Settlement 1608-1657 by William Bradford (Harold Paget translation)

Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember by Barbara Rainey

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Signing Their Lives Away by Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnese

The Jefferson Lies by David Barton (More research, less of a story)

- Good Video

Disney Movie "Johnny Tremain." 1957