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Trace the impact that the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, and Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" had on colonists' views of government.

Magna Carta (1215)

Limited Government

beginning of rule of law

for the first time, the king had to follow a law

English Bill of Rights (1689)

Parliament is more powerful than the king

certain rights guaranteed for the people

Mayflower Compact (1620)

first self-government in America

direct democracy

for a small colony of about 100 population

Common Sense (1776)

written by Thomas Paine

became a sensational best seller

Convinced many people to support the revolution