

# Kentucky Class Notes

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Notes for PS 101- 9/9/10

We started the class out by talking about the daily dose. He stressed the importance of reading the daily dose to the material being on the test. The daily dose is almost a daily email he sends out to his students updated on national and world issues.

Notes Are as Followed:

The Evolution of Government:

1. Domination of Monarchs and the “Divine Right of Kings.”
  - a. Pope could say who was king based on message from God.
2. Intellectual Revolution \*\* Ancient Greece (beginning of 600 BC)\*\*
  - a. Questions nature of being, meaning of truth, and relationship between the divine world.
3. Thomas Hobbes (Life span 1588-1633)
  - a. Man in state of nature is as animal
  - b. Government necessary to protect them from each other.
  - c. Social Contract Born with rights, but compromise them to get along with each other.
4. John Locke (1632-1704)
  - a. Purpose of government is to protect rights
  - b. People are born equal.
  - c. Challenged notion of divine right.

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Declaration of the Independence was referenced to conclude all of the above:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

We won the revolution, why?

Articles of the Confederation and WHY they were bad:

was a loose confederation of powerful states.

- ❖ Only one national entity
- ❖ No courts to referee disputes
- ❖ No executive to act quickly and decisively.

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- ❖ No power to tax- Revolutionary War left huge debts that could not be repaid.
- ❖ No power to raise an army for external threats or to kick the British out.
- ❖ No power to regulate economy- trade wars erupted between states.
- ❖ No power to print money- 13 different currencies existed.

**SAMPLE**