

Comparing the Changes in American Government: 1607-1789

	Colonial Governments 1607-1776	Articles of Confederation 1781-1789	Constitution 1789-present
Who had the power to tax?			
Who had the power to make laws? How was this legislature organized?			
How are legislators (law makers) chosen?			
Who was the executive authority (to enforce the laws)?			
Who had the power to create courts?			
Who had power to regulate trade?			
What were some advantages of this type of government?			
What were some disadvantages of this type of government?			

Analysis Questions:

1. What was the biggest change in American government from the colonial era to today?

2. What changes to our government do you envision occurring over the course of the next 100 years?