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The Birth of a Democratic Nation
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The Nation's First Governments
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Answer the following:

1. Describe the colonists reaction to the following acts of Parliament
 - a. The Stamp Act – 1765
 - b. The Townshend Acts – 1767
 - c. The Tea Act – 1773
 - d. The Intolerable Acts – 1773
2. Thomas Paine called for independence from Great Britain in this famous pamphlet.
3. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? When was the Declaration approved by the Second Continental Congress?
4. According to the Declaration of Independence what was the purpose of government?
5. Describe in detail John Locke's philosophy about good government from *Second Treatise of Government* published in 1690.

Answer the following:

1. Why was the Massachusetts Constitution (1780) unique?
2. What was the first constitution of the United States? Describe its weaknesses.
3. Describe Shay's Rebellion.
4. Why do you think that most early state constitutions made the legislature supreme?

Define:

5. constitution
6. bicameral
7. ratify
8. amend