BACKGROUND TO AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHERS:
Thomas Hobbes

John Locke
   Social Contract Theory

Jean Jacques Rousseau

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (1776)

POLITICAL CULTURE OF THE COLONIES
New England

Mid Atlantic

South

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (1787)
1. Separation of powers

2. Type of legislature - Great Compromise

3. Type of executive

4. Slavery - 3/5th Compromise