- Arose over British colonists settling on Indian tribal lands west of the Allegheny mountains against British imperial policy
  - Results in unjust taxes

- Mercantilism
  - Unjust taxes by British
  - British mercantilist policies which preceded Revolution
    - Taxes imposed to recoup expenses of sending British troops to protect colonies
  - Articles of Confederation
    - First USA government with no executive branch and all state being co-equal
    - Did not work well for big states
    - Replaced with Constitution

  - U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights (Especially the 9th and 10th)
    - Bill of Rights #9 (amendment)
      - States that though some rights are enumerated, it is the people which retain all of their God-given rights
    - Bill of Rights #10 (amendment)
      - All rights not given to the federal government are considered to be retained by the states
    - Constitution written to fix Articles
    - Bill of Rights written to fix Constitution

- French Revolution
  - Seven Years war result
    - Huge Loss
    - Huge Debt
  - Estates General in 1789
    - 900 seats divided among the clergy, nobles and workers in the Ancien Regime;
  - State of French Finances following loss in Seven Years War
    - 2/3 of taxes were being used to pay interest on inherited debt