

The House of Burgesses: America's First Legislature

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Understanding Colonial Government and Self-Rule

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about the House of Burgesses.

1. Where was the first legislative assembly established?

- A. Jamestown, Virginia
- B. Philadelphia
- C. Boston

2. What made the House of Burgesses important for the colonists?

3. The House of Burgesses was established in the year ____.

4. The House of Burgesses allowed only the wealthy to participate in government decisions.

- True False

5. How do we see representative government today in our own country?

6. Who were the members of the House of Burgesses elected by?

- A. All colonists
- B. Landowners
- C. Women only

7. The principles of the House of Burgesses influenced future democratic processes in America.

- True False

8. A good leader should be a person who ____ and is honest.

9. What does Romans 13:1 say about authority?

- A. It is not important
- B. It is established by God
- C. It should be ignored

10. Why do you think people wanted to have a say in their government?

Answer Key

1. Jamestown, Virginia 2. It was the first representative assembly in America, giving colonists a voice in their government. 3. 1619 4. False 5. We elect representatives to make decisions on our behalf in government. 6. Landowners 7. True 8. fears God 9. It is established by God 10. People wanted to have a say because they wanted their voices heard and to influence decisions that affected their lives.