

# Part One, American Government and U.S. Constitution

## Lesson 2:

## Ruler's Law vs. People's Law

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Founder's Monumental Problem

#### Structuring a Government with All the Power in the People

Reading Assignment: *The 5000 Year Leap*: (pages 9-33)

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  - c. Power was dispersed among the people and never allowed to c\_\_\_\_\_ in any one person or group.
  - d. They were organized into small manageable groups where every adult had a v\_\_\_\_\_ and a v\_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. The system of justice was structured on the basis of severe punishment unless there was ... reparation to the wronged person. There were four crimes against the whole of the people [to be punished] 1 t\_\_\_\_\_ 2 cowardice, 3 desertion and 4 h\_\_\_\_\_. These were considered capital offenses [no reparation was acceptable]



## Answer Key

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