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| Heading | My Notes | Additions and Corrections |
| Government by the statesWhat did the colonies do as soon as rebellion began?What is a constitution?  | * Colonies began to **create individual state governments** before 1776’s Declaration
	+ 11 of 13 states wrote constitutions
	+ ***Constitution – a document stating rules under which a government will operate***
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| Writing State ConstitutionsName three ways the state governments were different than their colonial governments.What is an executive? | * because colonies were unhappy with Britain's abuse of power, changed where the most power lay in their state governments
	+ **1. *governors - weaker***
	+ ***2. legislatures -stronger***
		- * because elected by the people
* Governors were chief executives
	+ ***executive***
		- ***Carries out laws***
		- ***Runs government***
	+ Appointed people help them, called "officials"
		- ***but the legislature had to approve the appointment***
* ***3. More people could vote in new constitutions***
	+ All
	+ males,
	+ 21 years of age
	+ who owned property
	+ No African-American or women

  | Remember -  in some colonies had had to be a member of the official church to vote orHad had to be wealthy, own a lot of land  |
| Protecting RightsWhat had the state done to protect people's rights?What rights were included? | * ***States had a bill of rights*** to protect individual rights
* Because Britain had violated rights (think of grievances in D of I)
* Virginia lead in including a bill of rights in its constitution, including such rights as
	+ ***freedom of religion,***
	+ ***freedom of press,***
	+ ***right to trial by jury***
* Other states follow
* New York follows Virginia lead
* Massachusetts does too but keeps the official church
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