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| Heading | My Notes | Additions and Corrections |
| Government by the states  What 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*** |  |
| Writing State Constitutions  Name 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  or  Had had to be wealthy, own a lot of land |
| Protecting Rights  What 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 |  |