

Handout B Answer Key

- Founders:* In order to protect citizens' inalienable rights, government power must be limited. The purpose of government is to restrain its own power in relation to citizens' rights.

Progressives: In attempting to empower the people, government power must grow. The purpose of government is to improve the social order by providing citizens with the environment and the means to improve themselves through government programs and policies.
- Founders:* Government exists to preserve citizens' ability to pursue life, liberty, and property and derives its power from the consent of the governed. Power and responsibility rest more heavily with the citizens. States retain rights not expressly given to the national government.

Progressives: Government exists to provide the right environment for citizens to improve themselves. Power and responsibility rest more heavily with the enlightened rulers. The national government can limit states' powers.
- Answers should explain the Founders' and Progressives' understanding of the role of government and the balance of power between the people and government.
- The Founders' Amendments sought to limit and broadly define government power. The Progressives' Amendments sought to increase and specifically define government power.
- Answers will vary. Students should discuss the role of government and the relationship between the people and government.
- The Founders believed that power and responsibility should rest more heavily with the people or the states while the Progressives believed that power and responsibility should rest with the national government.