**The History of American Government**

1. Describe what **laws** are.
2. Who has the power to make laws in America?
3. Who were the Pilgrims? What was the name of the ship on which they arrived?
4. **What is a constitution?**
5. **Why is a constitution important for government?**
6. **Who was King George III of Great Britain? Why was he important in the history of the United States of America?**
7. **What is legislature?**
8. What are taxes? Can you choose whether or not to pay taxes?
9. **What was the Boston Tea Party? Why did the Massachusetts colonists hold this “party”?**
10. **Who was Thomas Jefferson and why is he so famous?**
11. **Why did the delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 decide to meet? Where did they meet?**
12. **What is the Bill of Rights? Why was it written?**
13. **What are some important rights that the Bill of Rights protects?**
14. **What role in government does the Constitution give to the people?**
15. **What role did James Madison play in the creation of the U.S. Constitution?**
16. **What are the three branches of government created by the Constitution? What does each of them do? \*Make a T-chart!**