

Economic Principles in American Documents

Directions Read each economic idea below. Decide whether the idea is from the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, or from the Bill of Rights. Write each sentence in the correct box on the chart.

- Colonists should be free to trade with other countries.
- Congress controls trade with other countries.
- Congress prints money.
- The government cannot get in the way of private contracts.
- Government officials must have a good reason before searching private citizens or their property.
- People have natural rights.
- The government can take private property from citizens only under certain conditions.
- Congress controls trade among the states.
- No state can tax goods it buys from other states.

Economic Ideas in Government Documents	
Declaration of Independence:	
Constitution:	
Bill of Rights:	