

# Safeguards and Limitations

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**SS.912.CG.3.2** Explain how the U.S. Constitution safeguards and limits individual rights.

# Purpose of Government

**John Locke** wrote that “*Society creates order and grants the state its purpose... the only important role of the state is to ensure that justice is seen to be done.*”

**Thomas Jefferson** wrote that “*The purpose of government is to enable the people of a nation to live in safety and happiness. Government exists for the interests of the governed, not the governors.*”

**Alexander Hamilton** wrote “*Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of man will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice without constraint*”

# Civil *Liberties* vs. Civil *Rights*

Civil Liberties: Personal freedoms protected from government interference

Civil Rights: Legal protections around the topic of equality