Democracy in America

The Beginnings of Democratic Government in Colonial America
The Magna Carta, 1215, signed by the English King, John

• How did the Magna Carta help create democratic governments in America?

–The Magna Carta limited the power of the king or queen. It said even the king had to obey the law!
The English Bill of Rights, 1689

• How did the English Bill of Rights help create democratic government in America?
  – The English Bill of Rights gave parliament the power to write laws and create taxes.
  – Colonial Assemblies wanted the same right.
The Mayflower Compact, 1620
Signed by Pilgrims as they approached Massachusetts.

How did the Mayflower help Create democratic government In America?

• The Mayflower Compact was the first **written form** of self-government in America. It said Colonists will create “just and equal laws.”

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The Great Awakening, 1730s

- The Great Awakening was a religious movement that swept across the Colonies in the 1730s and 1740s.

  - It made people believe that everyone was equal in the eyes of God.

  - It encouraged ideas of **equality and resistance to authority**, which helped Americans revolt against England.
On the back of your map:

In chronological order create a flow chart showing how each of the following helped establish ideas of self-government for the 13 English Colonies:

Magna Carta
Parliament
English Bill of Rights
Mayflower Compact