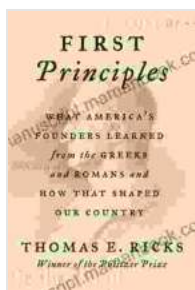


# What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped the United States

The Founding Fathers of the United States were deeply influenced by the ideas and institutions of ancient Greece and Rome. This influence is evident in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other founding documents of the United States. In this article, we will explore what the Founders learned from these ancient civilizations and how their influence shaped the development of the United States.



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## The Greeks

The Greeks were a highly civilized people who made significant contributions to philosophy, science, literature, and art. The Founders of the United States were particularly interested in the Greek concept of

democracy. Democracy is a system of government in which all citizens have the right to participate in the political process. The Founders believed that democracy was the best way to ensure the rights and liberties of the people.

The Greeks also developed a system of law that was based on the idea of natural rights. Natural rights are rights that all humans have simply because they are human beings. The Founders believed that natural rights were essential to a just and free society. They incorporated the concept of natural rights into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

## **The Romans**

The Romans were a powerful empire that ruled over much of Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. The Founders of the United States were impressed by the Roman system of government. The Roman Republic was a complex system of government that included a senate, a popular assembly, and a system of checks and balances. The Founders believed that the Roman system of government was a model for a successful republic.

The Romans also developed a system of law that was based on the idea of precedent. Precedent is a legal principle that states that similar cases should be decided in the same way. The Founders believed that the system of precedent would help to ensure fairness and consistency in the application of the law.

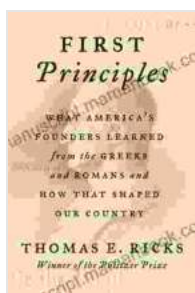
## **The Influence of Greece and Rome on the United States**

The influence of Greece and Rome on the United States is evident in many ways. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other founding documents of the United States are based on the principles of

democracy, natural rights, and the rule of law. The United States government is a republic that is modeled on the Roman Republic. The United States legal system is based on the Roman system of law.

The influence of Greece and Rome on the United States has been a positive one. The principles of democracy, natural rights, and the rule of law that were developed in ancient Greece and Rome have helped to create a free and just society in the United States. The United States is a beacon of hope for people all over the world. It is a shining example of how the principles of democracy, natural rights, and the rule of law can create a better world.

The Founding Fathers of the United States were deeply influenced by the ideas and institutions of ancient Greece and Rome. The Founders learned from the Greeks about the importance of democracy and natural rights. They learned from the Romans about the importance of a strong republic and a system of law based on precedent. These principles have shaped the development of the United States and have made it a beacon of hope for people all over the world.



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