Document Analysis: Answer Key

Student answers should include, but may not be limited to the following ideas. Possible answers are organized into the matrix below for teacher use.

	Where does, or should, sovereignty reside in Japan according to the document?
Handout 2A Excerpts from the Meiji Constitution of 1889	 Meiji oligarchs Emperor Minimal power designated to other groups referenced in Constitution (Diet, Judicature)
Handout 2B Excerpt from Fukuzawa Yukichi, "Western Civilization As Our Goal"	 National polity (government) Imperial government
Handout 2C Excerpts from Yoshino Sakuzō, "On the Meaning of Constitutional Government and the Methods by Which It Can Be Perfected"	 Constitutional government Emperor and nation
Handout 3A Law Governing Election to the House of Representatives, as Amended, Extending Suffrage, May 5, 1925	 Constitutional government Minimal power to males described in document
Handout 3B Peace Preservation Law, April 12, 1925	 National polity (or national essence) (kokutai) Government as extension of national polity/essence