

Chapter 2 -The Constitution

1. What is a representative assembly?
2. Who first utilized this form of government in the colonies?
3. What did the Mayflower compact ask the signers to do?
4. What examples of limited government occurred in the colonies?
5. List several of the British laws that contributed to the rebellion of the colonies from England.
6. What are the key ideas in the Declaration of Independence that made it a document that is famous around the world?
7. Which English philosopher is most associated the Natural Rights?
8. What is the social contract that Locke spoke about?
9. Why did many colonists who considered themselves Republicans oppose a strong central government?
10. What were unicameral legislatures?
11. What does confederation mean?
12. List several accomplishments of the Articles of Confederation:
13. List several weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation:
14. What impact did Shay's rebellion have on the discussion about our form of government?

15. What was the social background of the delegates attending the constitutional convention?
16. What did the strong nationalists at the Convention want?
17. What did James Madison favor at the Convention?
18. In what ways did the Virginia Plan favor the large states?
19. How was the New Jersey plan different from the Virginia Plan?
20. What was decided in the Great Compromise?
21. What is another name for the Great Compromise?
22. What was the debate regarding slaves in the 3/5ths compromise?
23. Describe the key elements of the Madison model:
24. Why was the Electoral College chosen as a means to elect the president?
25. List the five principles of our Constitution.
26. What was the debate between the federalists and the anti-federalists?
27. What was Charles Beard's thesis regarding the Constitution?
28. What does the Bill of Rights contain?
29. How can the Constitution be amended?
30. Why is the Constitution difficult to amend?
31. List and explain three informal methods of Constitutional change.