

Study Guide on Constitution

Test Date: _____

Topic: Creating a Republic/ The Constitution at Work

Chapters in book: Chapters 7-8,
pp. 186-235

Key words:

See your Constitutional Dictionary
(and back of this sheet)

Key people:

James Madison
John Adams
Roger Sherman
Benjamin Franklin
John Locke
Daniel Shays Alexander Hamilton
George Washington

Key concepts/objectives:

- What ideas guided the new state governments? (7.1)
- What problems did the nation face under the Articles of Confederation? (7.1)
- How did the Northwest Ordinance benefit the nation? (7.1)

- How did the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan differ? (7.2)
- How did the Great Compromise satisfy both large and small states? (7.2)
- What compromises were made on the issue of slavery? (7.2)

- What ideas helped shape the Constitution? (7.3)
- How did the framers of the Constitution divide power between the national government and the states? (7.3)

- How did the framers of the Constitution limit the power of the government? (7.3)
- What arguments did Americans raise for and against the Constitution? (7.4)
- How can the Constitution be amended? (7.4)
- What rights does the Bill of Rights protect? (7.4)
- *Know Amendments 1,2,3,4,5,6,8*

- How does the national government help to unify the nation? (8.1)
- How does the Constitution protect the basic rights of the people? (8.1)
- What are the six goals of the Constitution? (8.1)

- What are the five basic principles of the Constitution? (8.2)
- How did the framers of the Constitution try to balance too much and too little government? (8.2)

- What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights? (8.3)
- What informal changes have been made to the Constitution? (8.3)

- What are the roles of Congress? (8.4)
- What jobs does the President have? (8.4)
- How is the federal court system organized? (8.4)
- What are the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States? (8.5)



Constitutional Dictionary Words—Daily Schedule

Use this list to know which words to complete each day.

Day One Words

Articles of Confederation
 compromise
 confederation
 Constitution
 Constitutional Convention

Day Two Words

executive branch
 Great Compromise
 House of Representatives
 judicial branch
 legislative branch
 Senate

Day Three Words

federalism
 justice
 liberty
 Magna Carta
 republic
 Supreme Court

Day Four Words

bill
 Bill of Rights
 impeach
 override
 veto

Day Five Words

Antifederalist
 checks and balances
 electoral college
 Federalist
 popular sovereignty

Day Six Words

amendment
 constituent
 federal
 precedent
 separation of powers

Day Seven Words

amend
 appeal
 judicial review
 ratify

Day Eight Words

cabinet
 due process
 elastic clause

Word	Know it Well	Need to review	No clue
Articles of Confederation			
Compromise			
Confederation			
Constitution			
Constitutional convention			
Executive branch			
Great Compromise			
House of Representatives			
Judicial branch			
Legislative branch			
Senate			
Federalism			
Justice			
Liberty			
Magna carta			
Republic			
Supreme Court			
Bill			
Bill of Rights			
Impeach			
Override			
Veto			
Antifederalist			
Checks and balances			
Electoral college			
Federalist			
Popular sovereignty			
Amendment			
Constituent			
Federal			
Precedent			
Separation of powers			
Amend			
Appeal			
Judicial review			
Ratify			
Cabinet			
Due process			
Elastic clause			