

Chapter 5 Guided Reading Questions

Section 1

1. Politically, what was the main goal of the American states after the Revolutionary War?
2. Why did the Americans prefer the use of **written** constitutions?
3. Why did the phrase “all men are created equal” lead to disagreements?

Section 2

1. What was the most important achievement of the Second Continental Congress?
2. The lack of what power caused inflation to become the greatest problem of the Second Continental Congress?

Section 3

1. Why did the states want to limit the power of the federal government?
2. How did voting work in the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation, and why did some states not like it?
3. What did the governor of Pennsylvania mean when he said the federal government ran by begging and pleading under the Articles?
4. What was the purpose of the Land Ordinance?

5. What piece of legislation made it possible for western territories to become states?
6. What was the greatest domestic achievement for the government under the Articles?
7. What was the greatest achievement in foreign policy?
8. What were the demands of Shays and his followers?
9. What lesson did Shays' Rebellion teach to the government?

Section 4

1. What decision was made by the men at the Philadelphia Convention of 1787 in regards to the Articles of Confederation?
2. Creation of the US Constitution would not have been possible if the delegates had not been willing to do what?
3. How did the Great Compromise allow large and small states to come together and cooperate?
4. Explain the Three-fifths Compromise.
5. Explain what the North and the South each got out of the Commercial Compromise.
6. Why did the convention members feel it was important to include an amendment process in the Constitution?

7. How would the creation of three branches of government help to protect the people's liberty?
8. Why would the Elastic Clause prove to be important to the future of the government?

Section 5

1. What was the main concern of the Anti-Federalists?
2. How was the "power of the press" used to persuade New York to ratify the Constitution?
3. The addition of what to the Constitution finally won its ratification among all 13 states?
4. How has the shortness and lack of detail of the Constitution contributed to its success?

Chapter 5 Vocabulary

Section 1

“consent of the governed”

constitution

Section 2

Continental Congress

Articles of Confederation

Section 3

sovereignty

Land Ordinance (1785)

Northwest Ordinance (1787)

Shays’ Rebellion

Section 4

anarchy

Alexander Hamilton

Constitutional Convention

Section 5

ratify

Federalists

Anti-federalists

“Federalist Papers”

**“excess of democracy”