

Unit 5

A New Form Of Government For A New Nation

Reading: *Boyer, et al. Enduring Vision, Chapter 6, page 178 through Chapter 7, page 198 (stop at Hamilton and the formulation of Federalist Policies)*

Discussion Questions:

By the end of the Unit, you should be able to answer the following:

- 1 Describe the immediate reaction to Shays' Rebellion by the people of Massachusetts, by the national government, and by the state governments.
- 2 What were the domestic and foreign difficulties experienced by the United States under the Articles of Confederation?
- 3 Why were the concepts of checks and balances so important to the Founding Fathers, and where did these concepts originate?
- 4 Identify the major arguments of the supporters of the Constitution (Federalists) and the opponents of the Constitution (Anti-Federalist). In view of subsequent history, how accurate were the arguments of the Anti-Federalists?
- 5 The fight for the ratification of the Constitution was an extremely difficult battle. How did the Federalists do it? What were their arguments? What was their most effective strategies? Could they have done anything different?
- 6 In what ways did the backgrounds and political beliefs of the men who wrote the U.S. Constitution effect the final document? What did they hope to accomplish by establishing the Constitution?

Identifications

Articles of Confederation	Virginia Plan	Express powers
Newburg Conspiracy	New Jersey Plan	Implied Powers
Debtor laws	Roger Sherman and the Connecticut Compromise	Inherent Powers
Annapolis Convention	3/5 Compromise and the SlavePower	Article I, Section 8
Shays' Rebellion	Gouverneur Morris	Necessary and Proper Clause
Philadelphia Convention	Five Elements of U.S. Constitutionalism:	Supremacy Clause
Northwest Ordinance of 1787	1. Popular Sovereignty	Article 5 and Amendments
Land Ordinance of 1787	2. Limited Government	Ratification
	3. Federalism	Federalists vs. Antifederalists
	4. Separation of Powers	James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay
	5. Checks and Balances	Bill of Rights
	Concurrent powers	