

UNIT #2 FORMING A NEW NATION STUDY GUIDE

FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT

1. What happened during Shays' Rebellion? What impact did this event have on the government?
2. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
3. What were the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Land Ordinance of 1787?
4. Discuss what took place at the Annapolis Convention in 1786.
5. Who were some of the major participants at the Constitutional Convention?
6. What instructions were given at the Constitutional Convention in 1787? What did the delegates decide to do instead?
7. Analyze the differences between the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan.
8. What was decided in the Great Compromise?
9. How would slaves be accounted for in each states' total population? Why?
10. Who do the Federalists fear? Who do the Anti-Federalists fear?
11. How do the Federalists help convince the states to ratify the constitution?

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIONS

#1 George Washington:

12. What precedents did George Washington establish while he was president? Who were the main members of his first cabinet?
13. How did Alexander Hamilton propose to deal with debt situation? Why did he handle the debt situation this way?
14. What is the difference between strict v. loose construction?
15. Why was there a Whiskey Rebellion? How did the government respond?
16. Why was Jay's treaty so controversial?
17. What advice does George Washington give the nation when he leaves office?

#2 John Adams:

18. What happened during the XYZ Affair?
19. Discuss the Alien & Sedition Acts and the Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions?
20. What decision does John Adams' make that upsets his Federalists Party? How does this impact him in the election of 1800?
21. What was the Midnight Judges?

#3 Thomas Jefferson:

22. Discuss the significance of the election of 1800.
23. Discuss Marbury v. Madison court case.
24. How did the U.S get the Louisiana territory from Napoleon?
25. Why did Thomas Jefferson call for an Embargo against Britain and France in 1807?

#4 James Madison:

26. Why did the U.S call for a war against Britain in 1812?
27. Discuss some of the major events during this war. (Washington, D.C., Baltimore, New Orleans, Treaty of Ghent)
28. How does the U.S feel after this war? What is now our focus as a nation?

EXPANSION

29. Discuss the Adams-Onis Treaty?
30. What was decided in the Missouri Compromise?
31. What was the 2nd Great Awakening? What role did this awakening serve for this extremely mobile society?
32. How did Texas gain its independence?
33. What was the pull west for many Americans? What was that experience like going west?
34. Discuss the Oregon territory border dispute.