

## American Government First Semester Review Worksheet

1. How do you know that the United States has a “federal” governmental structure?
2. What was the overall main weakness of the Articles of Confederation?
  - List as many examples as you can that are evidence of this main weakness
3. Why was the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 important? What did the Ordinance do?
4. List the three branches of government and each branch’s basic function?
5. List the three levels of government.
6. What was the 3/5 compromise and why was it implemented?
7. What was the “Great Compromise” (AKA Connecticut Plan) and why was it implemented.
8. What were some of the main differences between the Federalists and the anti-federalists?
9. What was the main purpose in drafting the first 10 amendments (AKA Bill of Rights) in 1787?
10. Define the following terms:
  - a. Popular sovereignty
  - b. Checks and balances
  - c. Shays’ Rebellion
  - d. Natural Rights
  - e. Social Contract
  - f. Theocracy
  - g. Oligarchy
  - h. Monarchy