

**Reading Assignments for Unit 2 Power Points**  
**Building a Government**

**Unit 2 Power Point Slides: 1 – 5 / Corresponding Text Pages: None**

**Main Topics of these Power Points:**

1. The relationship between US history and the American government

**Unit 2 Power Point Slides: 6 – 9 / Corresponding Text Pages: 34 - 35**

**Main Topics of these Power Points**

1. The types of different colonies
2. The three kinds of colonies: Royal, Proprietary, Charter

**Unit 2 Power Point Slides: 10 – 14 / Corresponding Text Pages: 38 - 41**

**Main Topics of these Power Points:**

1. The original attempts by the colonies to unify
2. The New England Confederation
3. The Iroquois Confederation
4. The Stamp Act and the Stamp Act Congress
5. The First and Second Continental Congresses

**Unit 2 Power Point Slides: 15 – 24 / Corresponding Text Pages: 41 – 46**

**Main Topics of these Power Points:**

1. The ideas contained in the Declaration of Independence
2. The ideas of self-evident truths, unalienable rights, the pursuit of happiness
3. The purpose of government, according to the Declaration of Independence
4. Popular Sovereignty and the Right of Revolution
5. The actual grievances against the King of England as listed in the Declaration

**Unit 2 Power Points: 25 – 37 / Corresponding Text Pages: 47 – 50**

**Main Topics of these Power Points:**

1. The first attempt for a new government after gaining independence
2. The reasoning behind the Articles of Confederation
3. The strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
4. Specific case studies demonstrating the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

## **Unit 2 Power Points: 38 – 56 / Corresponding Text Pages: 51 - 60**

### **Main Topics of these Power Points:**

1. The motivation for a new type of government following the Articles
2. The one good thing the Articles did: The Northwest Ordinance
3. Shays' Rebellion
4. The Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia 1787
5. Ideas of popular sovereignty, limited government, the rule of law, separation of powers and checks and balances
6. The Virginia and New Jersey Plans
7. The Great Compromise (Connecticut Plan)
8. Other compromises in the Constitution
9. The ratification of the Constitution
10. Federalists v. Anti-Federalists and the Bill of Rights

### **Unit 2 Review Questions: Students should be able to answer the following questions after having read the assigned text pages.**

1. How did colonial governments give English colonists experience in self-rule?
2. How did British colonial policies lead to American independence?
3. What were the aims of the Continental Congresses?
4. Which ideas and events inspired the Declaration of Independence?
5. How did the first state governments reflect the conflict that led to the American Revolution?
6. How was the first government organized under the Articles of Confederation?
7. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
8. What events convinced some American leaders that a stronger national government was needed?
9. Why did the Constitutional Convention draft a new plan for government?
10. How did the rival plans for the new government differ?
11. What other conflicts required the Framers to compromise?
12. What were the main points of disagreement between the Federalists and the Anti-federalists?
13. What were the main arguments made by the authors of the *Federalist Papers*?
14. Why was the Bill of Rights important to the ratification of the Constitution?