

Origins of American Government

Chapter Review



MAIN IDEAS

1. American democracy was shaped by different philosophies and our English heritage.
2. The American colonies sought independence from Great Britain in response to unfair policies imposed on the colonies by the British.
3. The states' first attempt at government, the Articles of Confederation, proved too weak to last.
4. Delegates at the Constitutional Convention compromised on key issues to create a plan for a strong national government. Heated debates followed the writing of the Constitution between the states that wanted to ratify it and those that did not.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY AND TERMS

In the space provided, write the word from the word bank below that best matches each description.

Northwest Ordinance	Federalists	proprietary colony
charter colonies	Three-Fifths Compromise	Stamp Act
Iroquois Confederation	bicameral	Framers
Antifederalists	ratified	Albany Plan of Union

- _____ 1. a two-chamber legislature
- _____ 2. a powerful alliance of six Native American nations
- _____ 3. supporters of the Constitution
- _____ 4. plan for settling the Northwest Territory
- _____ 5. a colony based on a grant of land by the English monarch to an individual or a group who financed the start of the colony
- _____ 6. parliament's first attempt to tax the colonists directly
- _____ 7. formally approved
- _____ 8. the delegates to the Constitutional Convention
- _____ 9. compromise at the Constitutional Convention that provided that three-fifths of the enslaved people in a state would be counted when determining a state's population
- _____ 10. colonies that enjoyed the most independence from the Crown

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

11. What was the difference between the First Continental Congress and the Second Continental Congress?

12. How did Shays's Rebellion help to demonstrate the weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation?

13. What conflict at the Constitutional Convention did the Great Compromise resolve?

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERSHIP

Using the responsibilities listed below, determine which responsibility is identified by each description.

colonial protests	Constitution	Bill of Rights	Declaration of Independence
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- _____ 14. People are given unalienable rights that government cannot take away from them.

- _____ 15. The source of the national government's power comes from the people.

- _____ 16. Responsible citizens must, at times, be willing to take on political challenges that put their own private interests at risk.

- _____ 17. freedom of speech, press, religion, and due process