

Unit 1: The Articles of Confederation to the Constitution

I. The Articles of Confederation

Essential Questions:

1. Why did the Americans choose to create a weak central government in the Articles of Confederation?
2. Why did the Articles of Confederation fail?

Annotations

Notes

A. The Articles of Confederation

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B. Flaws in the New Government

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C. Land Ordinances

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D. Shays' Rebellion

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Four-Sentence Summary:

II. The Constitutional Convention

Essential Questions:

3. Why were compromises needed during the Constitutional Convention and the ratification of the Constitution?
4. How does the Constitution protect Americans from tyranny and a national government with too much power?

Annotations

Notes

A. The Great Compromise

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B. The 3/5ths Compromise

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C. Division of Powers

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D. Separation of Powers

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Four-Sentence Summary:

III. Ratifying the Constitution

Essential Questions:

5. How did the Federalists and Anti-Federalists differ in their views?
6. Why is the Bill of Rights important?

Annotations

Notes

A. The Federalists

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B. The Anti-Federalists

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C. Adoption of a Bill of Rights

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Four-Sentence Summary: