

United States History First Semester Final Study Guide

Directions:

Review the assigned pages in your textbook, notes, and other handouts. Answer everything on a separate piece of paper. All answers must be arrived at independently, written completely in your own words, and be written in terms you understand. Make sure your answers are labeled and numbered the same as the study guide and are handwritten. For "**Key Terms, People, Concepts,**" write a brief description in your own words including the most important information and the significance. For "**Essential Questions,**" write your answer in your own words using 1-2 complete sentences. You should be able to understand your answer without rereading the question.

Note: You will earn a zero and receive additional consequences if any part of your study guide is copied or paraphrased directly from any source or person.

Unit 1: The Articles of Confederation to the Constitution (p. 66-71)

A. Key Terms, People, Concepts

1. Effects of the Boston Massacre on the colonists
2. Declaration of Independence
3. Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
4. Shays' Rebellion
5. Constitutional Convention
6. Preamble of the Constitution
7. Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Connecticut Plan/Great Compromise
8. 3/5ths Compromise
9. Federalism and the division of powers
10. Separation of powers and checks and balances
11. Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists
12. Bill of Rights

B. 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?
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/or from having a national government with too much power?
5. What is the importance of the Bill of Rights?
6. Why did the Founding Fathers keep slavery in the Constitution?