

# Chapter 7 Study Guide

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- Identify America's first written form of government.
- Identify three weaknesses of that first form of government.
- Identify two strengths of that first form of government.
- Explain the importance of the Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance.

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- Describe the cause of Shays' Rebellion.
- Identify the fear Shays' Rebellion caused in many Americans.
- State the location and dates of the Constitutional Convention.
- Describe George Washington's role in the Constitutional Convention.
- Identify the outcome (product) of the Constitutional Convention.
- Describe the proposed legislative branch and representation for the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan.
- Describe the agreement made about the legislative branch and representation under Great Compromise.
- State the terms of the Three-Fifths Compromise.

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- Identify the British influences on the Constitution.
- Identify the two philosophers that influenced the Constitution.
- State the two philosophers' main beliefs about government.
- Explain the key principles of the Constitution:
  - federalism
  - Supreme Law of Land
  - Three branches of government
  - checks and balances
- State the argument of the Federalists & explain their fear.
- State the argument of the Antifederalists & explain their fear.

## Key Terms

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| • constitution | • depression         | • executive branch    |
| • bicameral    | • manumission        | • Electoral College   |
| • republic     | • proportional       | • judicial branch     |
| • petition     | • compromise         | • checks and balances |
| • ordinance    | • federalism         | • amendment           |
| • depreciate   | • legislative branch |                       |