

Study Guide for Chapter 7

1. Define Articles of Confederation
2. Define Bill of Rights
3. Define Northwest Ordinance
4. Define Constitution
5. Define Magna Carta
6. Which Enlightenment writer expressed the idea that the relationship between government and the people it governs is a social contract?
7. Name one weakness of the Articles of Confederation.
8. According to the Northwest Ordinance, what did a territory need to become a state?
9. What did the Founding Fathers learn from the example of the Roman Republic?
10. How did Americans such as George Washington react to the violence of Shay's Rebellion?
11. Name two of the leading delegates to the Constitutional Convention?
12. What was the basic idea of the Magna Carta?
13. What was a main idea of the Great Compromise?
14. How many states had to ratify the Constitution before it could become a law?
15. Name one reason that states wrote constitutions.
16. Which group argued that a strong national government could be effective and protect states' rights?
17. Why did small states favor the New Jersey Plan?
18. Persuading the 13 original states to support a new Constitution for the United States required a number of compromises. Explain how the United States Constitution was developed through a series of at least three compromises, and analyze how those compromises affected the country.
19. The framers of the Constitution used the best ideas from a variety of sources. Write an essay in which you explain how the ancient Roman Republic, British traditions, the American colonial experience, and the ideas of the Enlightenment helped shape the system of government in the United States.