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**Unit 3: The Constitution Guided Reading Questions**

**Strengths of the Articles of Confederation**

1. What did congress use as the first national government in America?
2. What were 2 strengths of the Articles of Confederation?
3. What did congress plan to sell in order to settle war debt and finance the new government?
4. How many sections were townships divided into?
5. What were the measurements of each township?
6. How much did it cost per acre?
7. What section of land in every township was reserved for the establishment of public schools?
8. The land north and west of the Ohio River became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. What did the Ohio River serve as boundary between?
10. What did the federal government appoint for every territory to establish order?
11. How many free male adults were needed for a territory to be able to elect its own local assembly?
12. What was the total population needed for a territory to be able to apply for full statehood?
13. What 5 states were added under the Northwest Ordinance system?
14. What were 4 benefits of the Northwest Ordinance?
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**Document Analysis 1**

1. What are 5 weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation that were going to cause “Rough Sailing Ahead”?
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**Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation**

1. Who did the Articles of Confederation give more power to?
2. What event in 1787 signaled a change to the Articles of Confederation was needed?
3. The federal government that was established by the Articles of Confederation consisted of simply a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. How many votes did each state have?
5. How many states were votes were required for a law to be passed?
6. Why was it difficult for laws to be enforced under the Articles of Confederation?
7. How did the government raise revenue under the Articles of Confederation?
8. What 2 issues hampered the ability of the new U.S. to prosper economically?
9. How many states needed to agree in order to change or amend the Articles of Confederation?

**Document Analysis 2**

1. What is Ben Franklin suggesting two opposing sides (small state vs. large states) need to do in order to make an agreement?

**Key Features of the Constitution**

1. When and where did the Constitutional Convention take place?
2. How many delegates attended the Constitutional Convention?
3. Who was chosen to preside over the Constitutional Convention?
4. The compromises that were negotiated during the Constitution Convention became the basis for the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Limited Government**

1. What did many delegates at the Constitutional Convention still fear?
2. What did the framers of the Constitution create in order to reassure these fears?
3. Who is the French philosopher that greatly influenced the framers of the Constitution?
4. Powers in the Constitution were divided in two ways:
   * First, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * Second, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What are checks and balances?

**Great Compromise**

1. What was one of the great issues facing the Constitutional Convention delegates?
2. What plan was supported by states with large populations?
3. What plan was supported by states with small populations?
4. How did the Great Compromise help “save” the Constitution?
5. What is a bicameral legislature?
6. Which branch of government is Congress part of? (see illustration)
7. What two chambers is Congress divided into? (see illustration)
8. In the House of Representatives, representation is based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the Senate, there is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ representation for all states.
9. What branch of government is proposed legislation passed onto after being voted on in Congress?

**Three-Fifths Compromise**

1. Why did southern states with large slave populations want to have their slaves count as part of their total population?
2. What was the Three-Fifths Compromise?
3. Why was slavery important to the delegates from the deep South?
4. When did U.S. involvement in the Atlantic slave trade end?
5. How many delegates signed the final draft of the new U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787?

**Ratification of the Constitution**

1. What does ratify mean?
2. What group spoke out AGAINST the Constitution?
3. What group PROMOTED the Constitution?
4. What were the beliefs of the Anti-Federalists?
5. Who were two famous Anti-Federalists?
6. What were the beliefs of the Federalists?
7. Who were two famous Federalists?
8. What nickname is James Madison also referred to as?
9. Which five states were quickest to ratify the Constitution?

**The Federalist Papers**

1. What two states were most divided over ratification of the Constitution?
2. How many articles were included in The Federalist Papers?
3. Who wrote The Federalist Papers?
4. What did these essays make persuasive arguments about?
5. What was one of the key arguments made in The Federalist Papers?

**Document Analysis 3**

1. According to James Madison, who is given more powers in the Constitution? Federal or State Governments?
2. Who do the powers reserved to the States concern?
3. Which #essay is this quote from?

**The Bill of Rights**

1. The Anti-Federalists would not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new Constitution with the inclusion of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to protect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Which colony was the 9th vote needed to officially ratify the new Constitution?
3. When was the Bill of Rights passed and added to the Constitution?
4. What does the free exercise clause and establishment clause forbid?

**Document Analysis 4**

1. Use the illustrated Bill of Rights to summarize each of the amendments below:

First Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Third Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fourth Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sixth Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seventh Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Tenth Amendment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_