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STUDY GUIDE - Articles of Confederation, Constitutional Convention and Ratification

- Describes the purposes of the Articles of Confederation.
- □ Articles of Confederation -

Who held the most power? How many votes did each state have? What was a super majority? How many votes did it take to pass a law? How many votes did it take to amend or change the Articles? What was considered a strength of the Articles of Confederation? What problems were created?

- □ Land Ordinance of 1785
- □ Northwest Ordinance of 1787.
- □ What was Shays' Rebellion? What did this event make everyone realize?

□ Constitutional Convention –

When and where was the convention held? What was the reason for holding the convention? What are the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan? What was the main difference? Be able to describe the following compromises:

- Connecticut Compromise or Great Compromise What large/small problem did this solve? Where does it exist today?
- 3/5ths Compromise What issue did this compromise solve (think taxation and representation)?
- Commerce and Slave Trade Key date is 1808
- Electoral College A compromise for selecting the president

- □ Explain the difference between the Federalist and Antifederalist.
 - Constitution & interpretation
 - Bill of Rights
 - Economy & trade
 - Involvement in government
 - Alliances
- Know who the following individuals are and what they did during the Constitutional Convention / ratification process.

AntiFederalist	Federalist
Patrick Henry	Alexander Hamilton
George Mason	 James Madison
Richard Henry Lee	 John Jay

□ Ratifying the Constitution

What was the purpose of a state convention?

How many states had to ratify the Constitution to make it go into effect?

Why were Massachusetts, Virginia, and New York important states?

□ What are the *Federalist Papers*? Who wrote the papers? Why?