

Forming a Government

Chapter Review



BIG IDEAS

1. The Articles of Confederation provided a framework for a national government.
2. Problems faced by the young nation made it clear that a new constitution was needed.
3. A new constitution provided a framework for a stronger national government.
4. Americans carried on a vigorous debate before ratifying the Constitution.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PEOPLE

Use the clues provided to fill in the blanks with terms or people from this chapter.

1. _____ **R** _____
2. _____ **E** _____
3. _____ **P** _____
4. _____ **U** _____
5. _____ **B** _____
6. _____ **L** _____
7. _____ **I** _____
8. _____ **C** _____

Clues

1. A tax on imports or exports
2. People who supported the new U.S. Constitution
3. A period of low economic activity combined with a rise in unemployment
4. Includes the president and the departments that help run the government
5. People who owe money
6. Led hundreds of people in a forced shutdown of the Supreme Court in Massachusetts
7. Document that states the powers and duties of a government
8. Official approval

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

In the space provided, write the word from the word bank below that best matches each description.

amendments	interstate commerce	Bill of Rights
legislature	Articles of Confederation	constitution
Great Compromise	Northwest Ordinance of 1787	

- _____ **1.** created a system for bringing new states into the union
- _____ **2.** in U.S. government, the group responsible for proposing and passing laws
- _____ **3.** official changes to the U.S. Constitution

REVIEWING THEMES

In the space provided, explain how each term relates to the theme listed below.

Theme: *politics*

- 1.** Shays’s Rebellion _____

- 2.** Constitutional Convention _____

- 3.** James Madison _____

REVIEW ACTIVITY: POSTER **Extra Credit**

Make a poster that represents the two houses of the U.S. legislature. Show that the upper house of the legislature is made up of two senators from every state. Show that in the lower house the number of representatives from each state is based on its population. You may wish to use squares of different colors as a background representing each of the legislative houses.