

**AP United States Government**  
**Chapter 2 Study Guide: The Constitution**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Terms:** On flashcards, define the following terms.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Representative assembly     | 11. New Jersey Plan         | 20. Federal system           |
| 2. Declaration of Independence | 12. Great (CT) Compromise   | 21. Ratification             |
| 3. Natural rights              | 13. Bicameral legislature   | 22. Federalists              |
| 4. Social contract             | 14. Supremacy doctrine      | 23. Anti-Federalists         |
| 5. Unicameral legislature      | 15. Three-fifths compromise | 24. <i>Federalist Papers</i> |
| 6. Confederation               | 16. Madisonian model        | 25. Bill of Rights           |
| 7. Articles of Confederation   | 17. Separation of powers    | 26. Amendment                |
| 8. State                       | 18. Checks and balances     | 27. Equal Rights Amendment   |
| 9. Shays' Rebellion            | 19. Electoral College       | 28. Judicial review          |
| 10. Virginia Plan              |                             |                              |

**Questions:** Answer the following questions. Use the resources provided on my web site for assistance.

1. Read the *What If* section on page 36. Answer the three questions here.
2. Why did the colonists come into conflict with the British Empire they were subject to?
3. How did the First and Second Continental Congresses respond to the growing crisis?
4. What universal truths were espoused in the Declaration of Independence?
5. What was the influence of John Locke's writing on Thomas Jefferson?
6. Describe the government created by the Articles of Confederation.

7. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

8. Why did Shays' Rebellion convince the founding fathers that a new government was needed?

9. What factions were present at the Constitutional Convention in the summer of 1787?

10. Compare the Virginia and New Jersey plans for government.

Virginia Plan	New Jersey Plan

11. Describe the Great Compromise.

12. How did the three-fifths compromise reflect the political reality of 1787?

13. How did the Madisonian Model of government defend against the concentration of power?

14. Describe the following aspects of the Madisonian Model of government.

- a. Separation of powers:
- b. Checks and balances:
- c. Federalism:

15. Compare the arguments on both sides of the ratification controversy.

Federalists	Anti-Federalists

16. What evidence exists of popular support for the new Constitution?

17. Why was a Bill of Rights adopted during the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress?

18. Draw a diagram of the formal process of amending the Constitution.

