

AP United States Government
Chapter 2 Study Guide – The Constitution

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Vocabulary: On index cards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Constitution | 9. Factions | 17. Federalists |
| 2. Declaration of Independence | 10. New Jersey Plan | 18. Anti-Federalists |
| 3. Natural rights | 11. Virginia Plan | 19. Federalist Papers |
| 4. Consent of the governed | 12. Connecticut Compromise | 20. Bill of Rights |
| 5. Limited government | 13. Writ of habeas corpus | 21. Equal Rights Amendment |
| 6. Articles of Confederation | 14. Separation of powers | 22. <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> |
| 7. Shays' Rebellion | 15. Checks and balances | 23. Judicial review |
| 8. U.S. Constitution | 16. Republic | |

Questions: Complete the following as you read chapter 2 in your textbook.

1. Make a list of the major grievances of the colonists under British rule.
2. What are the major components of John Locke's political philosophy, and how did they influence Thomas Jefferson's writings?
3. Draw a schematic diagram of the American government under the Articles of Confederation.
4. Make a list of the reasons why the Articles of Confederation failed.

5. Briefly describe the general philosophical views of the founding fathers on the following issues:
 - Human nature:
 - Political conflict:
 - Objectives of government:
 - Nature of government:
6. What were the three major equality issues at the Constitutional Convention? How were they resolved?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
7. What were the major economic problems addressed at the Constitutional Convention? How were they resolved?
8. Why did the Founding Fathers believe it was not necessary to address individual rights issues specifically in the Constitution?
9. Draw a schematic diagram of the Madisonian model of government.
10. Define the term *constitutional republic*.
11. Complete the following table summarizing the major differences between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists on the issues of civil liberties, power of the states, and the economy.

Issues	Federalists	Anti-Federalists
Civil liberties		
Power of the states		
Economy		

12. Why did the Anti-Federalists believe the new Constitution was a class-based document?

13. What is an unwritten constitution?

14. Describe the different ways in which a formal constitutional amendment might be adopted.

15. The text examines four ways the Constitution changes informally. Complete the following table, listing these ways, defining them, and giving an example for each.

Informal change	Definition	Example

16. List and explain the five Constitutional amendments that expanded the right to vote.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

17. In what ways does the Constitution expand and diminish the scope of government?