

The U.S. Constitution Study GuideArticles of Confederation

- 1-6. There are six main weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation. What are they?
7. What occurred during Shay's Rebellion?
8. Why did the Articles of Confederation need to be replaced?

Federalists and Anti-Federalists

9. Who were the Federalists and what was their viewpoint on ratifying the Constitution?
10. Who were the Anti-Federalists and what was their viewpoint on ratifying (approving/making official) the Constitution?
11. What was to be added for the Anti-Federalists to ratify the Constitution? Why did they want this added?
12. What are the Federalist Papers and Anti-Federalist Papers?

Preamble to the Constitution

14. What is the purpose of the Preamble to the Constitution?
15. Why did the Founding Fathers choose to begin the Constitution with "We the People?"
16. Which goal/ line of the Preamble to U.S. Constitution states that the government should be a better union of states than the one created under the Articles of Confederation?
17. Which goal/ line of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should work to protect the freedoms of the people and keep things fair?
18. Which goal/line of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should work to protect the country from its enemies?
19. Which goal/ line of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should preserve peace within the country?
20. Which goal/line in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the freedom should be protected now and for future generations?
21. Which goal/line in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that government should work to make things better for everyone in the U.S.?
22. What does the word **ordain** mean?

The Constitution

23. How did the Constitution fix some of the weaknesses in the articles of Confederation?
24. What are the steps to **amend** (change) the Constitution?
26. What is the Supremacy Clause?
27. Why did the founding fathers make it difficult to amend the Constitution?