**Chapter 7 – Creating a Republic 1776 – 1790**

**Fill-in Notes**

**Section 1 – A Loose Confederation of States**

**A. State Constitutions**

* Written during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had a constitution
* Power was divided between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branches.
* These state constitutions spelled out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the power of the government.

**B. Forming a National Government**

**Articles of Confederation (AOC or The Articles)**

* The AOC was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American Constitution
* It made a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the states.
* Under the AOC, there was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ national government.
* There were no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, therefore there was no way to settle disputes between states.
* There was no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* There was no power to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The federal government could not regulate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**C. New Policies for Western Lands**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must cede western land to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Settlement of Northwest Territory: called for land to be surveyed and divided into townships.
* **Northwest Ordinance (1787):**
1. Set up a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the NW Territory.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is outlawed in the NW Territory.
3. The area of the NW Territory is to be divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. When the population of the territory reaches \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a territory can ask Congress to be admitted as a state.
5. The NW Ordinance is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the AOC.
6. Five new states will be carved out of this territory: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**D. Shays’ Rebellion**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a MA farmer leads a revolt against the MA courts because farmers can’t pay back loans and their farms are being seized by the state government of MA.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are sent in to quash the revolt.
* This causes concern: Perhaps the AOC are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* A meeting is set up for May 1787 to discuss what to do with the AOC.

**Section 2 – The Constitutional Convention**

**A. An Amazing Assembly**

* The Constitutional Convention is a meeting that is called to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
* It takes place in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It begins in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* 55 delegates from all states except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attend.
* The debates are kept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* At the outset it is agreed to throw out the AOC and create a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. James Madison – a.k.a. “Father of the Constitution”**

* At the convention he kept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* He came \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Madison and Edmund Randolph introduced the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which called for a strong national government with 3 branches (parts):
1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - makes or passes the laws.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - carries out or executes the laws.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - interprets or decides if laws are carried out fairly.
* **The Virginia Plan** also called for two parts to the legislature (also called **Congress**), or a two “House” legislature. Both Houses in the legislature/Congress would be based on the population of the states. This means that the states that had more people, or a greater population, would have more representatives in the legislative branch than the states that had smaller populations.

**C. The Great Compromise**

* The Virginia Plan is not accepted by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* So, the smaller states propose their own plan, which is called the **New Jersey Plan –** this plan called for 3 branches just like the Virginia Plan, but called for only one House with one representative per state in the legislature.
* The small states and the large states could not agree on either plan, so they came up with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - a settlement in which each side gives up some of its demands to reach an agreement.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-- (Ben Franklin & Roger Sherman): This compromise decided that the legislative branch would be made up of two houses, just like the VA Plan called for:

\*\*The lower house, called the **House of Representatives,** would have its membership based on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the states.

\*\* The upper house, called the **Senate**, would have an equal amount of representation from every state. Each state will have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ senators.

**D. Northern and Southern States Compromise**

**The Three-Fifths Compromise :**

* Should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be counted in the population of a state for figuring out representation in Congress?
* At the convention it was decided that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be counted in figuring the number of representatives in the House of Representatives.
* For example: if there are 5,000 slaves in a given state, then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be counted in the population when determining representation in Congress.

**The Slave Trade Compromise :**

* Many delegates at the Constitutional Convention wanted to ban the slave trade in the United States—meaning stopping the importation of slaves into the country.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ argued that a ban on the slave trade would ruin their economy.
* It was agreed that Congress could not ban the slave trade for a full \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, after the adoption of the Constitution.

**E. Signing the Constitution**

* The Convention continued through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with delegates storming out in anger.
* On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the remaining 39 delegates signed the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- the framework for a lasting government.
* The fight had just begun! Now the Constitution had to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the states.