

## American History Honors

### Review Guide: U.S. Constitution (Text, Chapter 5)

- Debates in the Continental Congress before adopting the Articles of Confederation
- State Constitutions – what was included? Not included? Included in some, not all?
- Powers granted/denied to the national government under the Articles of Confederation
- Problems with the Articles of Confederation
- Land Ordinances – Land Ordinance of 1785; Northwest Ordinance of 1787 (procedure / significance)
- Shays Rebellion
- Constitutional Convention – who was there? who was not there? significance?
- Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Great Compromise (**know all components**)
- What was included in the Constitution? Not included? (**must know this document**)
- Compromises made for large states vs. small states
- Commercial Compromise
- Additional compromises reached
- How important was this spirit of compromise?
- Checks and Balances
- Slavery debate and results – Three-Fifths Compromise, End of the Slave Trade
- Vagueness of the Constitution? Intended?
- Electoral College
- Powers granted to the Congress, President, and government in general
- Role of the vice president?
- Elastic Clause (“necessary and proper”); Enumerated (or delegated) powers; Reserved powers
- Qualifications for office
- Be familiar with what was discussed in the **seminar**, as well as the readings provided
- *Federalist* papers – how did this government protect majorities and minorities?
- Arguments of Anti-Federalists?
- The Bill of Rights – why drafted?
- Know the seven articles of the Constitution (i.e. Article I-Legislative, Article II-Executive, etc.)
- Know what was not included in the Constitution, but established later: political parties, cabinet offices/officials
- **You are responsible for reading Chapter 5 and the U.S. Constitution as presented in the textbook, pages 154 – 167.**