Chapter 7 Study Guide ( Answer Key)

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1. What law helped stop the spread of slavery in the west?

Northwest Ordinance

1. What is the definition of a republic?

A government in which citizens rule through elected officials

1. How many states had to approve the Articles of Confederation?

13 states

1. T or F George Washington was the presiding officer at the Constitutional Convention?
2. What has the final authority under the federal system? What is the absolute law of the land? The Constitution
3. What is the division of powers between the national and state government called?

Federal System

1. What does checks and balances do for the people?

Keeps one branch from gaining too much power

1. The people who supported the Constitution were called…..

Federalists

1. What type of legislature did most states establish?

Bi-cameral

1. The Articles of Confederation were also called America’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. First Constitution
2. What is the definition of the economic depression? A period of economic slow down and a rise of unemployment.
3. What is the most distinctive feature of the United States government?

Separation of powers

1. How does the president check Congress? What action can he take?

Vetoing

1. Who introduced the Virginia Plan?

Edmund Randolph

1. Who was an Enlightenment thinker and writer?

John Locke

1. What is the law making branch of the government?

Legislative Branch

1. What branch is the court system?

Judicial Branch

1. Who created the Articles of Confederation?

Confederation Congress

1. Who were jailed for not paying taxes?

Massachusetts Farmers

1. What protects your individual rights?

Bill of Rights

1. What was a product of the Sherman committee?

Great Compromise

1. What is the Electoral College?

Presidential electors

1. What concerns did people have about the new government?

Americans did not want to give too much power to the government

1. How many residents were needed to become a state?

60,000

1. Explain Shay’s rebellion….

Farmers could not sell goods because of the recession. They were being jailed for not paying taxes. Farmers had an uprising. Farmers wanted a government who could raise money and pay debts.

1. What does bi cameral mean? 2 houses
2. What was the purpose of the Constitutional Convention?

They wanted to discuss trade issues and the possibility to change the Articles of Confederation

1. Who were the Federalists and what did they want?

George Washington- Benjamin Franklin – James Madison- Alexander Hamilton

They supported the Constitution and wanted to ratify it

1. Who were the Anti- Federalists and what did they want?

G. Mason- Patrick Henry- They wanted a Bill of Rights

1. What is the law making branch?

Legislative

1. What are 3 duties of the Legislative Branch?

Collect taxes – coin money and regulate trade- make laws and declare war

1. What is the branch of government which carries out laws?

Executive

1. What are 2 duties of the President and Vice- President?

Enforces laws- conducts foreign relations – commander and chief

1. What branch of government interprets the laws?

Judicial

1. Who is a part of the Judicial Branch?

Supreme Courts and Lower courts