

Chapter 2 – The Constitution

1. **What is a Constitution?**
2. **What was life like for the colonist? Why did they feel the need to declare independence from England?**
3. **Explain John Locke's natural rights theory. How did Locke's theory influence Thomas Jefferson in the writing of the Declaration of Independence?**
4. **List five weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.**
5. **What was Shays' Rebellion? Why was it important?**
6. **Briefly describe the framers views on; Human Nature, Political Conflict, Purpose of Government, and Nature of Government.**
7. **Explain the differences between the New Jersey Plan and the Virginia Plan. How did the Connecticut/Great compromise solve the problem?**
8. **What did the Constitution say about slavery?**
9. **What did the Constitution say about who determined who could vote?**
10. **Explain Habeas Corpus.**
11. **Explain Bill of Attainder.**
12. **Explain Ex Post Facto.**
13. **What is a faction? Why was Madison weary of them?**
14. **What are the three parts to the Madisonian Model of Government?**
15. **What is the difference between a democracy and a republic?**
16. **Make a T-Chart describing the differences between the Federalist and Anti-Federalist.**
17. **What were the Federalist Papers?**
18. **What is the Bill of Rights and Why was it added to the Constitution?**
19. **List the two formal ways an amendment to the constitution can be proposed.**
20. **List the two formal ways an amendment to the constitution can be ratified.**
21. **Explain the four ways the constitution can be informally amended.**
22. **Explain the importance of the Supreme court decision of Marbury vs. Madison.**