Chapter 7, Lesson 2: FORGING A NEW CONSTITUTION


A. TRUE/FALSE

Directions: On the line to the left of each number write T if the statement is TRUE or an F if the statement is FALSE. If the statement is False rewrite the statement on the lines provided to make it a true statement by adding detail to make it historically, factually true. Be Complete.

F 1. Slavery was not a major source of labor in Southern states.
   Slavery was a major source of labor in the Southern States.

T 2. The Virginia Plan called for a chief executive chosen by the legislature.

F 3. Under a policy of proportional representation, smaller states would have more votes than larger states.
   Under a policy of proportional (based on a state’s population) representation, smaller states would have less votes than larger states.

T 4. A compromise concerning slavery was necessary to keep Southern states in the union.

B. Directions: Circle the answer that best answers each question found below based on the reading from pp. 184 - 191.

1. What happens during a period of depression in a country?
   A. Unemployment decreases.
   B. The nation’s borders increase.
   C. Unemployment increases.
   D. The nation’s debts decrease.

   C. Unemployment increases.

2. The cause of Shays’s Rebellion was a policy of ______________.
   A. issuing paper money to relieve debts
   B. taxing crops to pay American Revolution debts
   C. forcing farmers to plant certain crops
   D. seizing farmers’ lands to pay their debts
3. At the Constitutional Convention, the New Jersey Plan called for _____________.
A. a one-house legislature
B. a two-house legislature
C. proportional representation
D. a bill of rights

4. ____________ called for the Constitutional Convention to be held.
A. Alexander Hamilton
B. James Madison
C. George Washington
D. Benjamin Franklin

5. The Great Compromise resolved the issue of _____________.
A. the way enslaved people would be counted
B. providing enough protection of individual rights
C. the way the chief executive would be chosen
D. representation in the legislature

6. The process to approve the Constitution required _____________.
A. a bill of rights to be included
B. a unanimous vote of all the states
C. approval by 9 of the 13 states
D. a signature by all the convention delegates

C. FILL-IN-THE-BLANK
Directions: Print the appropriate word(s) that correctly complete each statement found below based on the reading on pp. 184 - 191.

1. The United States went through an economic **depression** after the American Revolution.

2. After hearing about **Shay’s Rebellion**, George Washington was willing to revise the Articles of Confederation.

3. Many white Southerners feared economic difficulties if **slavery** no longer existed.

4. The presence of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin guaranteed public trust in the **Constitutional Convention**.
5. In order to keep the Southern states part of the nation, Northern states agreed to prevent Congress from interfering with the slave trade until 1808.

D. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Directions: Circle the answer that best answers each question found below.

6. Shays’ Rebellion forced courts to close so judges could not take away
   A. criminals’ homes.
   B. farmers’ land.
   C. stolen goods.
   D. money from taxes.

7. The American Revolution brought into focus the contradiction between the American battle for liberty and
   A. the need for getting money.
   B. the practice of slavery.
   C. women’s right to vote.
   D. the right of rebellion.

8. Constitutional Convention delegates voted to work toward a new national government based on the
   A. New Jersey Plan.
   B. New York Plan.
   C. Northwest Territory Plan.
   D. Virginia Plan.

9. Convention delegates broke the deadlock between large and small states when they approved
   A. the Great Compromise.
   B. the Three-Fifths Compromise.
   C. the Two-Thirds Compromise.
   D. the Washington Compromise.

10. Convention delegates agree that the Constitution must be approved by how many states?
    A. All the states - unanimous vote of all the states.
    B. 3 states
    C. 9 states
    D. 12 states