

Exam Review: The Early Republic Articles of Confederation, Constitution, Washington

Key Terms and People: Articles of Confederation, Northwest Ordinance, Shays' Rebellion, Constitutional Convention, Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Great Compromise, census, 3/5 compromise, electoral college, Federalists, Anti-Federalists, Bill of Rights, federalism, reserved power, delegated power, concurrent power, separation of powers, checks and balances, elastic clause, implied powers, expressed powers, amendment, judicial interpretation, unwritten Constitution, Judicial Review, Marbury v. Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Financial Program, National Bank, Federalists, Jeffersonian Republicans

1. Describe the structure and powers of the national government under the Articles of Confederation. Why was such a weak government created?
2. What problems did the national government have difficulty solving during the "critical period" (1781-89)? What were some of the successes of the government under the Articles of Confederation?
3. What was a constitutional convention called together in 1787?
4. Explain three disputes that arose at the constitutional convention. How were these disputes resolved through compromise?
5. Explain how the electoral college system for electing the president works? Why has this system for electing the President been criticized?
6. Explain the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the constitution.
7. How were the powers of the federal government expanded under the Constitution?
8. How are the powers of the federal government limited under the Constitution?
9. Explain the meaning of federalism. Why did the framers of the Constitution create a federal system of government?
10. Explain four reasons why the Constitution has been able to survive for more than 200 years.
11. Explain four examples of the "unwritten Constitution."
12. What are the Constitutional requirements for President? What have been the unofficial requirements? Do you think the requirements for President ought to be changed?
13. What are four different roles or jobs of the President? Give an example of how he carries out each of these roles.

14. How is the federal court system organized? Why do judges have life tenure?
15. Explain the importance of the case Marbury v. Madison.
16. What Precedents did Washington establish as President?
17. What were the goals of Hamilton's financial Program?
18. How did political parties develop in the United States during the 1790s?