

**Ch. 9 Reading Guide: Confederation & the Constitution (pg. 160-180)****Learning Targets**

**Target # 1:** I can identify examples of how the British attempted to reassert control over its colonies, and list examples of colonial reactions, and list the political, social and economic issues faced by American colonists as they tried to form the new American Republic.

**Target # 2:** I can explain (using historical thinking skills) how the British attempted to reassert control over its colonies, and explain (using historical thinking skills) colonial reactions to this attempted control, and describe the political, social and economic issues faced by American colonists as they tried to form the new American Republic.

**Big Ideas:**

- At the end of the Revolutionary War, it was clear America faced numerous hardships, as well as new opportunities
- Powerful independent state governments were created out of fear of a powerful national government similar to the British Crown
- Fundamental weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation pointed to the direction of a new government that provided unity and stability among all the states
- After nearly two years of major disputes and tensions, Anti federalists and the rest of the states gave into the ratification of the new Constitution and its additions

**Prediction Statement (50 words or less):** What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

**Key Questions:****A Shaky Start Toward Union (pg. 160)**

1. Briefly describe at least 2 hardships the new nation of the U.S. faced in its beginnings.

**Constitution Making in the States (pg.160-161)**

Know: state governments

2. What components did many of the newly created state constitutions have?

**Economic Crosscurrents (pg. 161-162)**

3. Why might it be considered that “American was worse off financially at the end of the war than at the start?”

<p><b><u>Articles of Confederation: America's First Constitution (pg. 164-165)</u></b>  <b>(in addition, refer to previous section of Creating a Confederation)</b>          Know: Articles of Confederation, State sovereignty  <b>5. Explain why the Articles of Confederation (America's first national government) were considered weak?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Landmarks in Land Laws (pg. 165-166)</u></b>          Know: Northwest Ordinance of 1785, Northwest Ordinance of 1787  <b>6. How did the Northwest Ordinance of 1785 promote western expansion?</b></p> <p><b>7. How did the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 answer the following uncertainties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. How will territories become states, if ever?</li> <li>B. As America expands...will slavery expand?</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Horrid Specter of Anarchy (pg. 168-169)</u></b>          Know: Articles of Confederation, Congress, Shay's Rebellion  <b>8. What <u>caused</u> Shays' Rebellion in Massachusetts?</b></p> <p><b>9. How did Shay's Rebellion lead to the idea of a need for a stronger federal government?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Hammering Out a Bundle of Compromises (pg. 170-172)</u></b>          Know: Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Connecticut (Great) Compromise, Electoral College, 3/5 Compromise, Executive Branch  <b>10. Explain how the following were addressed as comprises in the newly created Constitution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Representation in the Gov.</li> <li>B. Power of the President</li> <li>C. Selection of the President</li> <li>D. Slaves as population counts</li> </ul>	

<p><b><u>The Four Laggard States (pg. 176-177)</u></b>          Know: Federalists, Anti federalists, Bill of Rights, Federalists Papers</p> <p><b>11. What vital piece did Antifederalists feel the new Constitution lacked, and would not ratify until added? (see pg. 174)</b></p> <p><b>12. What purpose did <i>The Federalist Papers</i> serve in the ratification of the Constitution?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>The Pursuit of Equality (pg. 178-179)</u></b></p> <p><b>13. What two important groups of Americans saw relatively no gain in the Constitution and why do you think that was the case?</b></p>	

## Summary Exit Ticket:

### Continuity and Change Over Time (3 parts)

The authors of this chapter stress America's somewhat resilient political nature from its creation of the Articles of Confederation and its re-attempt at a less problematic government, the Constitution. Below, analyze how the Constitution's drafters solved the problems of its early government.

**#1) Analyze how the Constitution solved a specific problem/weakness, using historical evidence, as seen in the Articles of Confederation.**

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**#2) Analyze how the Constitution solved another specific problem/weakness, using historical evidence, as seen in the Articles of Confederation.**

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**#3) Analyze a political continuity seen during the post-revolutionary era in the formation of the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.**

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