

US HISTORY

CONSTITUTION UNIT

REVIEW ACTIVITY #1: BASIC BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I. Identifications: DI = Dec. of Independence C = Constitution

- ___ 1. Written in 1787.
- ___ 2. Written mostly by Thomas Jefferson.
- ___ 3. Written to explain and justify the American colonies' break from England.
- ___ 4. Attempted to correct the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
- ___ 5. Written in 1776.
- ___ 6. Called for a more powerful central government.

II. Identifications: AC = Articles of Confederation

USC = Constitution

- ___ 1. Currently in effect in the USA.
- ___ 2. In effect from 1776-1788.
- ___ 3. Created the first "central" government for the United States.
- ___ 4. Written in the attempt to improve the other.
- ___ 5. Believed that "order" was more important than "liberty."
- ___ 6. Believed that "liberty" was more important than "order."
- ___ 7. Created a "weak" central / national government.
- ___ 8. Created a "stronger" central government.
- ___ 9. More likely to require "unanimous" votes for major decisions.

III. Fill-in-the-Blanks.

- 1. The Constitutional convention was held in 1787 in the city of _____.
- 2. The original intention of the 1787 Convention was to _____.
- 3. Those who attended the 1787 Constitutional Convention all believed the central government had to have _____ powers / responsibilities.
- 4. The individual who had the greatest influence at the Constitutional Convention, so much in fact that he became known as the "Father of the Constitution," was _____.
- 5. The main strategy used to resolve / settle disputes during the writing of the new Constitution was _____.

IV. The Structure of the Constitution.

A) Amendments B) Articles C) Dec. of Independence D) Preamble

- ____ 1. Name given to the introduction to the Constitution.
- ____ 2. Name given to the seven original sections of the Constitution.
- ____ 3. Name given to the “additions to,” / “changes in” the Constitution.
- ____ 4. It is not a part / section of the Constitution.