

Advanced Placement United States History
Chapter Nine Study Guide (pp. 160-181).
The American Pageant

Before reading the chapter, be sure to preview your reading. Look at the headings, pictures, graphs, charts, maps, and cartoons. Read captions carefully. Take care to address “Key Terms” and “People to Know”. This strategy will aid you in your reading comprehension.

1. What are some of the subtle changes that occurred in American society after the American Revolution?
2. Who was the author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom?
3. What is civic virtue?
4. Describe the characteristics of many of the newly adopted state Constitutions.
5. Describe the economic situation in America after the War for Independence.
6. When were the Articles of Confederation adopted by the Second Continental Congress? When were they ratified?
7. Explain the land controversy that developed over Western Lands toward the end of the War for Independence.
8. How did Congress solve the land problem?
9. How did the government operate under the Articles of Confederation (all 3 branches)?
10. Describe the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
11. Why are the Articles of Confederation significant?
12. What were the geographic boundaries of the Old Northwest?
13. Explain the Land Ordinance of 1785. (be sure to consult the graphic for understanding)
14. Describe the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. (leave room in your notes)
15. What actions did the British take against the newly independent nation? How did the states react?
16. What was Spain’s relationship with the new nation?
17. How did France treat the new nation?
18. What was Shay’s Rebellion?
19. Why did representatives from some states meet in Annapolis in 1786? What was the result of this meeting?
20. Describe who met at Philadelphia in May of 1787.
21. What was the Virginia Plan?
22. What was the New Jersey Plan?
23. Describe the Great Compromise.
24. What powers was the president given?
25. What other compromises were reached at the Constitutional Convention?
26. What safeguards for conservatism were put in place by the delegates?
27. What democratic elements existed within the new Constitution?
28. How many states had to ratify the New Constitution? Why this number?
29. What are federalists and antifederalists?
30. Review the Chart on p. 175 that illustrates the order of ratification.
31. Who were the authors of the Federalists Papers?
32. Explain why ratification of the Constitution was a minority movement.
33. Read Varying Viewpoints on pp. 180.