Declaration leads to New Nation - Quiz Questions as Flashcards for Semester Test

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| What was declared in the Declaration of Independence? | 13 American colonies  declared   * **independence from Great Britain**. |
| Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? | * **Thomas Jefferson** |
| On what date was the Declaration of Independence issued? | * **4 July 1776**   celebrated as  Independence Day or The Fourth of July. |
| What three rights are given in the Declaration as examples of unalienable rights? | * **life,** * **liberty,**   **and**   * **the pursuit of happiness** |
| According to the Declaration,  **who** creates governments and **why** are governments created? | * **People** create governments * **to protect their rights.** |
| If a government does not protect people’s rights, what can the citizens of that government do? | If a government does not protect people’s rights,,  the citizens can   * **alter** it  or * **abolish it** and **create a new governmen**t. |
| What was the name of the first government created after the colonists rebelled? | * **The Articles of Confederation** |
| What problem with the national government created by the Articles of Confederation is shown by the diagram?  https://lh4.googleusercontent.com/peUpBWsPWZqOtdTCT6yTX2vjsZpNEm2q4mBQ5OzPx0D4Fd8VPLjmMZBQNKbGt2wMWQH-NaI6bxXWvK2eMnNrkkdIoLg3ZYvSnPINmswJ5Gp6Gim4P1oUhLQ3ZBlVBvh_pr-1C5Y | The national government  created by the Articles of Confederation   * **was too weak.** |
| What two powers denied the national government and given to the states  led state governments to create laws that abused the natural rights of subsistence farmers? | The national government   * **Couldn’t tax** * **Couldn’t control trade** |
| What form of economy developed in America when the states became independent and mercantilism ended? | * **Capitalism** |
| Name some natural rights the state governments abused by enforcing property tax laws when subsistence farmers could not pay? | State governments would force subsistence farmers to   * **sell their farms** * and **jailed them if the sale did not pay the tax**   Violated rights to   * **property,** * **liberty,** * and **pursuit of happiness!** |
| State the three topics about which the representatives at the Constitutional Convention had *serious* disagreements. | 1. Balancing the powers of large states and small states in the legislature 2. Whether slaves should count as population for figuring the number of representatives a state got in the House of Representative 3. Whether the slave trade should continue |
| What method was used to settle the three serious disagreements at the Constitutional Convention? | * Compromise |
| What was the name for people who supported the Constitution?  Hint - The name is based on the name for the Constitution’s form of government. | * Federalists |
| Name the three men who wrote essays published in newspapers to persuade people to support the Constitution.  J \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -            “The Father of the Constitution”  A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -            The financial genius  J \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -              Expert on relations with European nations | **James Madison**-            “The Father of the Constitution”  **Alexander Hamilto**n -            The financial genius  **John Jay** -              Expert on relations with European nations |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #1  **The people rule!** | * Popular Sovereignty |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #2  **The people elect representatives who**  **represent their view in the government.** | * Republicanism |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #3  **States give some powers to a national government.**  **States keep some powers.**  **States  share some powers with the national government.** | * Federalism |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #4  **Power is divided between the Legislative branch, the Executive branch, and the Judicial Branch.** | * Separation of Powers |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #5  All **key powers need two different branches to be accomplished**, and each branch has the **power to stop the other branches** if they abuse their power. | * Balances and Checks |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #6  **The law applies to all people equally!** | * The Rule of Law |
| What was the name of people who were against the Constitution? | * Anti-federalists |
| What did the people who were against the Constitution demand before they would vote for it? | * That the Constitution needed to include a list of specific, important individual rights. |
| What is the Bill of Rights? | * The First 10 Amendments to the Constitution * A list of Individual Rights |
| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #7  What becomes the 7th principle of the Constitution, added by the Anti-federalists? | * Individual Rights |
| Describe the Constitution. | * **The Supreme Law of the Land - No other state or national laws can violate it.**   + **Defines** the **principles** of the government.   + **Organizes** the government’s **powers**.   + **Secures** the **rights** of the people. |
| Constitution - Article I  What doe the legislative branch do?  Who leads it? | Make Laws   * Congress * House of Representatives - 435 representatives divided between states based on population * Senate - 2 senators per state - 100 |
| Constitution - Article II  What doe the executive branch do?  Who leads it? | Carries out the laws (executes laws)   * The President -   + Chief Executive   + Commander-in-Chief   + Head of State |
| Constitution - Article III  What doe the judicial branch do?  Who leads it? | Decides if laws and other governmental actions are Constitutional, Settles disputes   * Supreme Court * 9 Justices |
| Constitution  What is an amendment? | * A change made to the Constitution |
| Bill of Rights  The 1st Amendment in the Bill of Rights is considered most important because it contains 6 freedoms!  Name them. | 1.  Speech                         5. Religion  2.  Petition                        6. No One Established Church  3. Assembly  4.  Press |
| Bill of Rights  Explain Freedom of Religion. | * Everyone is free to practice any religion he or she chooses or no religion at all. |
| Bill of Rights  What is the freedom to petition? | * The freedom to ask your government to change something without being punished. |
| Bill of Rights  What is freedom to assemble? | * The freedom to gather in a group to talk or protest. |
| Who is called the Father of Our Country and why? | * George Washington * Because he was the first president |
| What two political parties developed during Washington’s presidency? | * Federalist  (Hamilton’s) * Democratic-Republican (Jefferson’s) |
| State the three basic differences between the two parties. | Federalists -   * National government strongest * Support Britain in war * Focus - develop industry   Democratic republican   * States strongest * Support France in war * Focus - farming |
| How many terms did Washington serve before he stepped down? | * 2 terms |
| What was Washington’s advice in his Farewell address? | * Do not form political parties * Do not become mixed-up in the affairs of European nations |
| Why did Adams lose after one term? | * He led the Federalists who passed laws that were unconstitutional -   + Violated free speech of other party   + Attacked immigrants because supported other party |
| What is Jefferson most well known for doing in his presidency? | * Buying the Louisiana Territory from France, doubling the size of the nation for pennies an acre! * Organizing the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the new west   + Led by Sacagawea |
| What happened in Madison’s presidency? | * The United States attacked Britain to take Ontario, while Britain was busy fighting Napoleon * The War of 1812 (We lost big time!) |
| So how many major wars had colonists/Americans been in? Name them. | 3   * The French and Indian War * The Revolutionary War * The War of 1812 |