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 coloniesdeclared* **independence from Great Britain**.
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| Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? | * **Thomas Jefferson**
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| On what date was the Declaration of Independence issued? | * **4 July 1776**

celebrated asIndependence 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**
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| According to the Declaration,**who** creates governments and **why** are governments created? | * **People** create governments
* **to protect their rights.**
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| 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.
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| What was the name of the first government created after the colonists rebelled? | * **The Articles of Confederation**
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| 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.**
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| 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**
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| What form of economy developed in America when the states became independent and mercantilism ended?  | * **Capitalism**
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| 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!**
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| 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
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| What method was used to settle the three serious disagreements at the Constitutional Convention? | * Compromise
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| 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
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| 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 geniusJ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #5All **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
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| 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
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| What was the name of people who were against the Constitution?  | * Anti-federalists
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| 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.
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| What is the Bill of Rights? | * The First 10 Amendments to the Constitution
* A list of Individual Rights
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| 7 Principles of the Constitution - Prevent government from using power to abuse rights - #7What becomes the 7th principle of the Constitution, added by the Anti-federalists? | * Individual Rights
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| 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.
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| Constitution - Article IWhat 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
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| Constitution - Article IIWhat doe the executive branch do?Who leads it? | Carries out the laws (executes laws)* The President -
	+ Chief Executive
	+ Commander-in-Chief
	+ Head of State
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| Constitution - Article IIIWhat doe the judicial branch do?Who leads it? | Decides if laws and other governmental actions are Constitutional, Settles disputes* Supreme Court
* 9 Justices
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| ConstitutionWhat is an amendment? | * A change made to the Constitution
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| Bill of RightsThe 1st Amendment in the Bill of Rights is considered most important because it contains 6 freedoms! Name them. | 1.  Speech                         5. Religion2.  Petition                        6. No One Established Church3. Assembly4.  Press  |
| Bill of RightsExplain Freedom of Religion. | * Everyone is free to practice any religion he or she chooses or no religion at all.
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| Bill of RightsWhat is the freedom to petition? | * The freedom to ask your government to change something without being punished.
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| Bill of RightsWhat is freedom to assemble? | * The freedom to gather in a group to talk or protest.
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| Who is called the Father of Our Country and why? | * George Washington
* Because he was the first president
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| What two political parties developed during Washington’s presidency? | * Federalist  (Hamilton’s)
* Democratic-Republican (Jefferson’s)
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| 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
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| How many terms did Washington serve before he stepped down? | * 2 terms
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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!)
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| 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
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