

## Chapter 2 Section 3 The Critical Period

When were the Articles of Confederation first approved?

The Articles had a *unicameral* Congress (one house). How many votes did each state have?

The leader of the Confederation was not a President. What was he called?

List three powers given to Congress under the Articles:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three things the states provided the new government under the Articles of Confederation?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three important weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What problems among the states led to a call for a Constitutional Convention in 1787?

## Chapter 2 Section 4 Creating the Constitution

What were some of the strengths and talents of the Framers of our Constitution?

Who was elected President of the Constitutional Convention?

Why is James Madison often called the “Father of the Constitution?”

How many branches of government did the Virginia Plan call for?

The Virginia plan called for a *bicameral* legislature. What does bicameral mean?

How did the New Jersey plan differ from the Virginia Plan?

Explain each of the following compromises at the Constitutional Convention:  
Connecticut Compromise or Great Compromise

Three Fifths Compromise

Commerce and Slave Trade Compromise

List three historical or intellectual sources of the US Constitution:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.