

CHAPTER

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TEST

Identifying Main Ideas 

Write the letter of the correct answer in the space provided.

- _____ 1. The Articles of Confederation
A formed a weak national government.
B created strong federal courts.
C planned for an executive branch.
D included many state laws.
- _____ 2. Eventually, the Articles of the Confederation failed because the new national government
A spent all its time resolving disputes between states.
B had too much power.
C did not have the power to deal with an economic crisis.
D outlawed slavery in the Northwest territories.
- _____ 3. Which was NOT part of the Articles of Confederation?
A a bill of rights
B each state had one vote
C no executive branch
D no judicial branch
- _____ 4. The Great Compromise was an agreement on which of the following?
A the way in which slaves in southern states would be counted
B the number of state representatives in Congress
C the separation of powers into three distinct branches
D the order of the amendments in the Bill of Rights
- _____ 5. The writers of the Constitution had to compromise on all of the following issues EXCEPT
A the rules a territory would follow in order to become a state.
B the way in which slaves in southern states would be counted.
C the number of legislative representatives for each state.
D the addition of a bill of rights.
- _____ 6. What idea did the writers of the Constitution borrow from the Romans?
A the division of power
B declaration of citizens' rights
C limitations of a ruler's power
D self-government
- _____ 7. The idea of an American bill of rights has historical roots in
A the British Parliament.
B the Revolutionary era.
C Roman law.
D the Magna Carta.
- _____ 8. From what source did the writers of the Constitution get the idea of natural human rights?
A the Roman tradition
B the American experience
C the Enlightenment
D the English tradition
- _____ 9. Antifederalists objected to the Constitution on the grounds that it
A failed to provide smaller states with equal representation.
B did not abolish slavery in the United States.
C gave the president too little power.
D gave too much power to the national government.
- _____ 10. Which was the key issue in the process of ratifying the Constitution?
A statehood for new territories
B the Bill of Rights
C the number of legislative representatives for each state
D fear of a dictatorship