

Chapter 2 Study Guide The Constitution

Objectives

- ⇒ Outline the events that led early Americans to declare independence from Britain
- ⇒ Review the basic philosophy that underlies the Declaration of Independence
- ⇒ Summarize the parallels between Locke's writings and Jefferson's language in the Declaration of Independence
- ⇒ Explain how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation laid the groundwork for the Constitution
- ⇒ Describe what Madison meant by "factions" and how he proposed to solve the problems presented by factions
- ⇒ Evaluate how the Constitutional Convention dealt with issues of equality
- ⇒ Summarize the major compromises of the Constitutional Convention
- ⇒ Explain why economic issues were high on the agenda at the Constitutional Convention and how the framers tried to strengthen the economic powers of the new national government
- ⇒ Demonstrate what we mean by the "Madisonian model" and how it is incorporated within the Constitution
- ⇒ Understand why many critics claim that the Madisonian model actually reduces efficiency in the operations of government
- ⇒ Describe the major issues between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists in the debates over the ratification of the Constitution
- ⇒ Ascertain how constitutional changes—both formal and informal—continue to shape and alter the Madisonian system
- ⇒ Evaluate the Constitution in terms of the theme of democracy that runs throughout this chapter
- ⇒ Identify factors that have led to a gradual democratization of the Constitution
- ⇒ Understand how the Constitution affects the scope of government in America

Key Concepts to Know

Anti-Federalists	Articles of Confederation	Bill of Rights
Checks and balances	Connecticut Compromise	Consent of the governed
Constitution	Declaration of Independence	Equal Rights Amendment
Factions	<i>Federalists Papers</i>	Federalist
Judicial Review	Limited Government	<i>Marbury v. Madison</i>
Natural Rights	New Jersey Plan	Republic
Separation of Powers	Shay's Rebellion	US Constitution
Virginia Plan	Writ of habeas corpus	