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America	s History: Chapter 6 Video Guide	

Big Idea	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
Questions		
	The Trials of War, 1776 - 1778	
What did Abigail Adams ask John Adams to do?	 War in the North: Britain's	
	train the American army	
	The Path to Victory, 1778 - 1783 The French Alliance: France and US made an unusual alliance (Catholic monarchy) June 1	
	 Britain's Southern Strategy: The South contributed	

	Diplomatic Triumph:
	Treaty of Paris (1783)
	Britain recognized US independence
	US gained all land of Mississippi River
	US fishing rights off Newfoundland
	Britain could pursue - Cooling and France action described.
	Spain and France gained very little
	 France becomes severely in debt
	Creating Republican Institutions (1776 – 1787)
	■ The State Constitutions: How Much Democracy?
	Pennsylvania's Controversial Constitution:
	legislature was created with
	total power (no governor)
	■ Tempering Democracy:
	Other states createdlegislatures
	Most states were not truly democratic – only PA and VT
	■ Women Seek a Public Voice:
	- Abigan Adams
	 Hoped to end customs and laws that oppressed women (married women could not own property, have
	 Only white men were full citizens in new government
	The War's Losers::
	Many loyalists suffered economically, others fled
	Native Americans were pushed further off their lands
	Slaves did not gain freedom after the war
	■ The Articles of Confederation:
	Created a weak central government, states had a lot of power
	Each state had vote in the national
	government
	In order to amend the Articles, approval
	was required
	 The federal government could: make treaties, borrow money,
	ask for tax \$
	Continuing Fiscal Crisis:
	 The US was in debt, began to sell western land
	■ The Northwest Ordinance:
	was banned in the Northwest Territory
	\$ from 1 out of 36 square miles that were sold would go towards
How could	Territories could apply for statehood when they reached
aniel Shays' be	people
seen as a	■ Shays' Rebellion:
contributor to	MA state legislature increased taxes
the	Many farms were
Constitution?	Former Rev. War vet, Daniel Shays' led a rebellion
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	• Demonstrated the of the Articles
	 Helped many recognize the need for a new government
	The Constitution of 1787
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e Ris	se of a Nationalist Faction:
•	Sectional differences slowly emerged: northerners tended to
	favor, southerners did not
The Ph	iladelphia Convention:
•	55 delegates, mostly wealthy and upper-class
•	Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were in attendance
-	The VA and NJ Plans:
	 VA Plan – proposed a legislature where
	representation in Congress was to be based on
	 NJ Plan – favored smaller states, representation would
	be for each state
•	The Great Compromise:
	 Combined elements of both VA and NJ plans
	 Created legislature: lower house
	(Representatives) would be based on population and
	elected by the people, upper house (Senate) would have
	per state and elected by state legislatures
•	Negotiations over Slavery:
	 3/5 Compromise – 60% of would count
	towards population for representation in Congress,
	advantage for the South
•	National Authority:
	 Constitution is the "Supreme Law of the Land"
	 "Necessary and Proper" (Elastic) clause increases power
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ne Pe	ople Debate Ratification:
•	Constitution would take effect when 9 out of 13 states ratified it
•	Emergence of two groups:
	Federalists – favored fod and lists – favored
_	federalists – weary of ratification
•	The Antifederalists:
	Feared centralized power at states' expense Criticized the lack of a
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-	Federalists Respond: • The Federalist Papers (Jay, Madison, and Hamilton)
	 The Federalist Papers (Jay, Madison, and Hamilton) 85 essays written to the Constitution
	Federalist 10 discussed the Constitution
	The Constitution Ratified:
-	Typically, people in the backcountry were
	were Federalists
	With the promise of the
	many Antifederalists ratified the Constitution
	many Antheweransis ratified the Constitution
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