

AMERICAN HISTORY UNIT 2 LECTURE 7

Overview of the Constitution

8 Parts of the Constitution

Preamble – States purpose of Constitution

Articles 1 – Describes _____

Article 2 – Describes _____

Article 3 – Describes _____

Article 4 – Explains _____

Article 5 – The _____ Process

Article 6 – _____ of National Government

Article 7 – _____ Process

Key Ideas in the Constitution

*Federalism

*Separation of Powers

*Checks and Balances

*Limited Powers of Government

*Popular Sovereignty

*Republicanism

The Powers of the Federal Government

Powers – List of specific powers of Congress defined in Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

Powers – Held by both Federal and State Governments (Like what?)

Powers – Powers kept by the states

Powers – Powers not specifically stated, but justified by “necessary and proper” clause

Federalists v. Anti-Federalists

Bill of Rights

- ▣ First 10 Amendments to the Constitution.
- ▣ Click [here](#) to read the Bill of Rights
- ▣ After Bill of Rights, Constitution is finally ratified when New Hampshire becomes 9th signee, June, 1788.
- ▣ North Carolina and Rhode Island are the last two states to sign

Amending the Constitution

Changing the Constitution is difficult:

- ▣ 27 total amendments (including the Bill of Rights)
- ▣ US Constitution is considered the world's oldest "working" constitution
- ▣ A "living document" that can be interpreted by the Supreme Court and amended, but has largely remained the same since 1787!