

Planning the American Government

Chapter 2, Theme B

Pop Quiz 2

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1. In what state did Shay's Rebellion occur?
2. What state sent no delegates to the Constitutional Convention?
3. What delegate kept a secret notebook of the proceedings & helped frame the VA Plan?
4. What state's plan was supported by the small states to revise the AOC?
5. On what **date** was the Constitution approved by a majority of delegates from the 12 states in attendance?
6. Who was the oldest delegate present?

Shays' Rebellion

- Watch the video. As you watch, note parallels to the American Revolution. Jot down at least 3 that you see.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ImIEcsTEVo>

- Watch the video. As you watch, note how the weaknesses of the AOC made Shay's Rebellion even more dangerous. How does this rebellion lead to change?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEoeK5MvEdY> Start at 30:00

- Who leads the call for constitutional revision?



Winds of Change

- **Why was the Constitutional Convention doomed at the onset?**
- **Why was the Constitutional Convention viewed as “extralegal” by the critics?**
- **Who attended? Who was absent?**
- **What “delicate problem” faced the Framers?**

“Independence Hall” aka PA State House



The heat of the day was oppressive!



George Washington presided



Is the sun rising or setting on the nation?



Men, Manners & Rules



- Discuss men with examples. Most significant members?
- Discuss manners with examples. How have the manners changed? How do they remain the same?
- Discuss rules with examples. What is the purpose or function of the rule? Does the rule succeed in its mission?

The Compromise Challenge

- **Conflict: Structure of the Legislature?**
 - **Virginia Plan: JM major author**
 - **Strong, 3-branch Government**
 - **Bicameral legis. w/ 1 house chosen by population**
 - **Council of Revision**
 - **Exec. & Jud. Br. chosen by legislature**

The Compromise Challenge

- **Conflict: Structure of the Legislature?**
 - **New Jersey Plan**
 - **Formed over small states' fears**
 - **Sought to amend AOC than replace**
 - **Weak Fed. Gov't creature of state gov'ts—State sovereignty maintained**
 - **Enhanced small states' interest and strengthened power of national gov't**

The Compromise Challenge

- **The Great (or CT) Compromise**
 - **Bicameral Legis. Created to please both factions**
 - **House by population (lg. states) with power over taxation. Directly elected.**
 - **Senate equal representation (sm. states) with power over executive and judicial branches. Elected by st. legis.**

The Compromise Challenge

- Other Conflicts & Compromises
 - Slaves' Representation Problem
 - Factions?
 - Compromise?
 - Slave Trade Future
 - Factions?
 - Compromise?
 - Control of Commerce Issues
 - Factions?
 - Compromise?
 - Electoral College Creation

Assignment



- Do the assignments in this order! Read pp. 32-37 in the textbook, read that first to help you understand the assignment.
- Read A21-A29, & handout. Answer questions for each piece.
- Due Tuesday.

The Federalist #10

- Why does Madison think the problem of a “Minority” faction is easy to handle?
- Conversely, why is he so troubled by the potential of a majority faction?
- How does he distinguish direct democracy from a republican gov’t?
- What is he getting at when he terms elected representatives “proper guardians of the public weal”?
- Why does he think that “extensive republics” are more likely to produce such representatives than small ones?

The Federalist #51

- How did Madison think the necessary separation of powers among the 3 branches should be achieved?
- What did he consider to be the greatest difficulty in creating a government? What solution did he suggest?
- What 2 reasons did Madison give to argue the judiciary should be selected differently from the other 2 branches?
- How are Madison's concerns about the "equal power of self-defense" reflected in our system of checks & balances?
- Is Madison a good source of information about the document? Why or why not?

Patrick Henry's Speech

- Why was Henry's objection to the use of the words, *We the People*?
- In what way did Henry think the convention had overstepped its authority?
- What did Henry see as the chief danger of the proposed Constitution?
- What did Henry mean when he said states are the "soul of the Confederation?"
- Do you agree that it would be easy for a President to make himself an absolute ruler? Explain your answer.