

## Chapter 9 - The Confederation and the Constitution (1776-1790)

### Essential Question

1. How did the American Revolution's democratic and republican ideals inspire new experiments with different forms of government?

### Essential Vocabulary

Articles of Confederation

Land Ordinance of 1785

Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Shay's Rebellion

Great Compromise

Three-fifths compromise

Antifederalists

Federalists

Republican motherhood

### Questions/Tasks from Reading

1. How did constitution making begin in the states?
2. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
3. How did the Articles of Confederation deal with the issue of western expansion?
4. What foreign policy problems plagued the U.S. under the Articles?
5. Why was Shay's Rebellion viewed as such a threat?
6. Take notes on the different debates and compromises at the Constitutional Convention.
7. What were the different arguments of the federalists and antifederalists?
8. What steps did American society take to becoming more equal? What were the limitations to this progress?
9. How did the idea of "republican motherhood" impact women?