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U.S. History & Government 11

Critical Period Video Quest

Directions: Complete the following tasks as you go through the PowerPoint presentation titled "[Topic 2 - Critical Period Video Quest](#)" and write the answers in your notebook. Please note that there are videos that correspond to each slide. Based on the videos, the slideshow, and your knowledge of US History, answer the questions that follow.

Questions:

Slide #1

1. What was the "Question of the Age" in the 18th century (1700s) that the 13 states faced after the Revolutionary War?

(sample answer): The "Question of the Age" in the 18th Century, that the 13 states faced, was to form a government that would protect their liberty, while not becoming a dictatorship. They wanted a government that was fair. At the time, they were like 13 individual countries.

Slides #2 – #4

2. What was significant about George Washington resigning after the Revolutionary War?

3. What question faced America during the "critical period" (the 5 years after the Revolutionary War)?

Slides #5 – #7

4. What 3 conditions existed in America that made Alexander Hamilton confident that it would become a world power?

Sample Answer: *Alexander Hamilton wanted the United States to become a world power. He wanted the US to become an industrial nation; a nation that makes its money by manufacturing. Three conditions that existed in America, which made Hamilton confident the US would become a world power were:*

1) natural resources, 2) population, and 3) isolation from Europe. Natural resources would give America the ability to make their own goods. Population was important because they would be a market to buy goods, and serve as workers. Isolation from Europe was important because they could work on building up their nation, without Europe bothering them.

5. Why were Alexander Hamilton and Noah Webster considered "nationalists?"

6. How did the North and South view each other during the critical period?

7. How would separate currencies (money) in each state contribute to the problem of unity in America?

[Slides #8 – #10](#)

8. What were Alexander Hamilton's criticisms of America under the Articles of Confederation?

9. Describe the financial crisis in America under the Articles of Confederation.

10. Describe the conflict between debtors and creditors that led to Shays's Rebellion.

11. What impact did Shays's Rebellion have on America's political leaders?

[Slides #11 – #13](#)

12. What did James Madison believe was the "Big Problem" concerning government?

13. What was the fate of earlier republics such as ancient Greece, ancient Rome, and England under the Commonwealth?

[Slide #14](#)

14. Why did the delegates at the Constitutional Convention hold their meetings in secret?

15. Do you think this was a good policy?

[Slide #15](#)

16. What did the delegates decide to do with the Articles of Confederation?

17. What did the new federal government have that the old one lacked under the Articles of Confederation?

18. How would the new government protect the rights of the minority from the potential tyranny of the majority?

[Slide #16](#)

19. How did the “Great Compromise” settle the dispute between large and small states concerning representation in government?

[Slide #17](#)

20. How did the “3/5 Compromise” settle the dispute between Southern states and Northern states concerning representation in government?

[Slide #18](#)

How did the “Trade (Commerce) Compromise” settle the dispute between Southern states and Northern states concerning trade and tariffs?

[Slide #19](#)

21. How did the “Presidency Compromise” settle the dispute between states’ rights supporters and federal power supporters concerning the chief executive (president)?

22. List the arguments made by the Anti-federalists (those who opposed the new government and the Constitution.)

23. List the arguments made by the Federalists (those who supported the new government and the Constitution.)

24. What was the greatest fear of the Anti-federalists regarding the new Constitution?

25. What does the map on Slide #23 reveal about America concerning ratification of the Constitution?

[Slide #25](#)

26. According to historian, Gordon S. Wood, what is the only thing that makes Americans a “single people?” Explain.

[Slides #26](#)

27. What group was not protected by the ideals and liberties listed in America’s three founding documents when they were written: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights?

[Slides #27](#)

28. According to columnist, George Will, what was the false belief that people held at the beginning of the American Revolution?

29. Why was this belief “dead as a door nail” at the end of the Revolution?

30. According to historian, Pauline Maier, why should the American Revolution be considered a success?

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