SHAPING A NEW NATION

Cheat Sheet ☺

**Define Republic:** A government in which citizens rule through their elected representatives.

**Articles of Confederation**: First form of government where States had power in some matters while the Federal Government had power in other. Means an “alliance” Meaning a split of power between STATE and Federal Power

Powers:

Weaknesses:

**Land Ordinance of 1785/ Northwest Ordinance of 1787:** What do we do with western land??

1. Surveyed the land
2. Congress appointed governor and judges
3. When population reached 5,000 settlers could write own constitution
4. When population reached 60,000 constitution could be submitted to Congress for application to statehood.

**Shays’s Rebellion:** War veteran Daniel Shay returned home to a heavy debt. Facing too many taxes he was likely going to jail. Rallied 1200 men and marched to Springfield. Militia was called in and the need for a stronger national government was obvious! We can’t even govern ourselves ☹

**Philadelphia Convention (1787):** 12 of 13 colonies met to make changes. Decided to get rid of Articles of Confederation and start over. 55 delegates met to figure out how to help the people, pay off debt, have a representative government, and to elect a leader.

**Virginia Plan:**

**New Jersey Plan:**

**Great Compromise:**

**Three-fifths Compromise:**

**Division of Powers:**

**Electoral College:**

**Anti-Federalists:** Opposed a strong central government and were against the Constitution. Agreed once the BILL OF RIGHTS were added (first ten amendments)

\*Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry

**Federalists:** Favored a strong central government and weaker state governments. Thought system of checks and balances would keep government in check.

\*Alexander Hamilton, John Adams

**Ratification:**