

Objectives: U.S. Constitution

When I am finished learning about the Constitution I will be able to identify and understand the following:

- ___ John Locke, Baron de Montesquieu, Thomas Hobbes
- ___ What a Constitution is and the reasons for having one
- ___ Features and Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- ___ The purpose of the Land Ordinance of 1785 and Northwest Ordinance
- ___ The purpose for the Constitutional Convention of 1787
- ___ Congressional Representation
- ___ The debates and decisions about slavery in the states.
- ___ The differences between the Virginia Plan and New Jersey Plan.
- ___ The Great Compromise.
- ___ The three branches of government and their distinct powers.
- ___ The purpose of a separation of powers.
- ___ Checks and balances on each branch of government.
- ___ The Federal System (division of power between state and national govt.)
- ___ What a is a bill and how it becomes a law.
- ___ The Bill of Rights (1st ten amendments) and how it protects citizens.
- ___ Other amendments and the process for amending the Constitution.
- ___ Models for the Constitution (Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, etc).