

**Seventh Grade Social Studies**  
**Chapter 7 Study Guide: Creating the Constitution**

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**Section 1**

- Shays' Rebellion: Causes & effects
- Problems with the Articles of Confederation
- Land Ordinance of 1785
- Reason why the power of governors was limited
- Northwest Ordinance of 1787

**Section 2**

- Virginia Plan
- New Jersey Plan
- Great Compromise
- Three-fifths Compromise
- Meaning behind the Preamble ("We the people...")

**Section 3**

- Concerns of the Antifederalists
- Bill of Rights
- 1st Amendment rights

## **Vocabulary Terms**

- Compromise
- Legislature
- Executive
- Constitution
- Judicial Branch
- Ratify

## **Essay Questions**

1. How was the change in the powers of Congress in the Constitution an improvement over the Articles of Confederation?
2. Explain how ratification of the Constitution was threatened by disagreements between the Federalists and the Antifederalists. Define the position of each side, and explain how the differences were resolved.