

## Government Unit Study Guide

ALL NOTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE!

1. Articles of Confederation
  - a. What is it?
  - b. What were the problems with it?
  - c. Shay's Rebellion
    - i. What was this?
    - ii. What did it show about the limitations of the Articles of Confederation?
2. Constitutional Convention
  - a. Where was it?
  - b. What were the 3 debates and solutions?
3. U.S. Constitution
  - a. Bill of Rights (1<sup>st</sup> 10 amendments)- know each of these rights and be able to match pictures to them
  - b. What restrictions (limitations to power) exist?
4. Presidential Election
  - a. Electoral College
  - b. Popular Vote
    - i. How is it possible for a candidate to win the popular vote and not win the election?
5. Branches of the Government
  - a. Legislative- Makes laws. Made up of Congress (Senate and House of Representatives)
    - i. Which is a better job- Senate or House of Representatives?
  - b. Executive- Carries out laws- Head of the Executive Branch is President
  - c. Judicial Branch- Explains Laws- Headed by Supreme Court
    - i. 9 Justices on the Supreme Court
6. 4 Sources of Taxes- Know the types, what they are based on, and who pays them
  - a. Federal Income Tax
  - b. State Income Tax
  - c. Property Tax
  - d. Sales Tax
7. How does a bill become a law?
  - a. #s needed to pass in each part of Congress
  - b. process for veto and over-riding veto
8. Political Party Differences
  - a. General stances on different government issues
9. Supreme Court Cases
  - a. Impact on school policies