



Forming a Union

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The Chapter in Brief

Fill in the blanks to form a summary of Chapter 7 in AMERICA IS.

During the War for Independence, the Continental Congress drew up a plan of government known as the _____. This plan was put into effect in the year _____. It set up a _____ congress with representatives from each state. In this legislature, each _____ had one vote. All 13 states had to agree before an _____ could be made to change the framework of the government. One of the most important accomplishments of this government was passing the Northwest _____. This law became a model of how territories could eventually become _____.

The new government encountered problems with other nations. Great Britain failed to remove soldiers from forts in the _____ and refused to permit Americans to trade with the _____. Spain refused to allow Americans to use the port facilities at _____ at the mouth of the Mississippi River. The new government also encountered financial problems. It did not have the authority to _____, and it did not have the authority to control _____ between states. Many people began to feel that the United States needed a stronger _____.

During the summer of 1787, a convention met in the city of _____ to revise the plan of government. Some representatives offered the _____ Plan, which called for more power for larger states. Other representatives offered the _____ Plan, which called for each state to be represented equally. A compromise was worked out at the convention in which a _____ congress was established. A Senate gave each state _____ representation, and a House of Representatives gave greater representation to states with _____ populations. As part of the

compromise, free states allowed slave states to count slaves as _____ of their total population.

The final document was called the _____ of the United States. It was signed by most of the convention delegates and sent to the states to be debated and either _____ or _____. A collection of essays called the _____ Papers explained the good features of the proposed government plan. _____ were those who spoke out against the new plan. In 1788, enough states voted in favor of _____ to put the Constitution into effect. Soon after the new government began, some of the most important individual rights were outlined in ten amendments. Called the _____, they were approved by the states and added to the Constitution.