

Our Constitution

1. The country needed new _____!
2. Once the Revolutionary War was over, they realized that the Articles of _____ were not working.
3. Rather than "fix" the Articles, the Constitutional Convention met to make new laws for the _____.
4. They decided to use the basic definition of a federal system of government. It is a system that divides governmental powers between the _____ government and the government of the _____.
5. James Madison, and others like him, wrote _____ plans and brought them to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. James Madison's plan was called the "Virginia Plan." It is what our _____ is based on today!
6. The " _____ " called for **three** separate branches of government: The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.
7. Each branch can **check** the power of the other two _____. These "checks" keep any one branch of the government from gaining too much power. This is called **CHECKS and BALANCES**.