

A Roadmap to the United States Constitution

You are going on a Web quest to learn about the origins and formation of the Constitution of the United States. To begin your quest, go to <http://www.google.com>. Search for "Roadmap to the United States Constitution." The search should produce the Web site as a first choice. Enter the site, and answer as many of the following questions as possible. You will be graded on the quantity and quality of your answers.

Part I

1. What was one good point of the Articles of Confederation?
2. What was the cause for Daniel Shay's Rebellion?
3. How did the American Revolutionary War influence the formation of a new democratic government?
4. What was the original purpose of the Constitutional Convention in 1787?
5. What is a "general snapshot" or description of the delegates who attended the Constitutional Convention?
6. What was James Madison's role at the convention?
7. What were the primary features of the Virginia Plan? Whom did this plan favor? Why?
8. How was the problem between large states and small states finally resolved?
9. What is the Three-fifths Compromise?
10. Why were the delegates at the convention worried about the creation of a chief executive?
11. Why are the rest of the President's powers not defined?
12. What was the Anti-Federalist argument for *not* ratifying the Constitution?

Part II

1. What was the Mayflower Compact of 1620?
2. What was the result of Daniel Shay's rebellion?
3. What was the role of General George Washington at the Constitutional Convention?
4. Why did Alexander Hamilton leave the convention?
5. What was Benjamin Franklin's role at the Constitutional Convention?
6. What were the primary features of the New Jersey Plan? Whom did this plan favor? Why?
7. Why was slavery retained (kept) in the development of the new nation?
8. What was the policy regarding fugitive slaves?
9. What are some of the primary powers of the President?
10. What is the Electoral College? How does it work?
11. Why did founders decide not to choose the President by direct election?
12. What was the Federalist argument for ratifying the Constitution?