



Chapter Nine

The Confederation and
the Constitution,
1776-1790

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1. a complete end to the African slave trade.
2. the voluntary freeing of most slaves in Virginia and Maryland.
3. the gradual abolition of slavery in the northern states.
4. the political guarantees of African-American rights in the new state constitutions.

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1. Virginia.
2. Massachusetts.
3. New Jersey.
4. Rhode Island.

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Hint: See page 167.

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The idea of a written constitution superior to ordinary law meant that constitutions were

1. being passed in three successive sessions of the state legislatures.
2. drawn up by special judicial commissions.
3. created by special conventions and ratified by a vote of the people.
4. derived from the original colonial charters.

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Hint: See page 168.

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One source of economic troubles after the Revolution was the fact that

1. much American merchant shipping had been destroyed during the war.
2. American ships were now barred from trading with Britain and the British Empire.
3. American markets were now flooded with cheap British imported goods.
4. American manufacturers were unable to compete without imported British parts.

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For funding, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation depended on

1. voluntary contributions from the states.
2. the slaves of western lands.
3. excise taxes on whiskey and luxury goods.
4. a tariff on trade between the various states.

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The Northwest Ordinance of 1785 provided that

1. the western territories could decide for themselves whether to allow slavery.
2. the western territories should be governed as permanent colonies by the central government.
3. the western territories would proceed through two stages on the way to becoming equal states of the Union.
4. the western territories could choose whether to secede and form an independent nation after fifty years under the United States.

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3. the western territories would proceed through two stages on the way to becoming equal states of the Union.

Hint: See pages 171–172.

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America's diplomatic weakness under the Articles of Confederation was demonstrated by

1. the collapse of the alliance with France.
2. Britain's refusal to abandon its military forts and trading posts on American soil.
3. the inability to maintain any army or navy.
4. Spain's invasion of Georgia and the Carolinas.

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1. poor western farmers and debtors.
2. veterans who had not received their promised pensions.
3. loyalists whose lands had been confiscated without compensation.
4. merchants and lenders whose wealth was being destroyed by inflation.

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Which of the following was not among the dominant figures of the Constitutional Convention?

1. George Washington
2. Thomas Jefferson
3. James Madison
4. Benjamin Franklin

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2. Thomas Jefferson

Hint: See page 180.

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One key provision of the Constitution designed to erect safeguards against democratic excesses was

1. the House of Representatives.
2. the elimination of the slave trade after 1807.
3. the appointment of federal judges for life.
4. the provision that each state should have two senators.

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