On pages 149-154, take notes, specifically on:

State and federal constitutions, and what details those constitutions included.

Articles of Confederation is the first constitution of America. Where did it succeed and where did it fail?

**First State and Federal Constitutions**

* Connecticut and Rhode island had Republican governments in all but name before the Revolutionary War
* It was decided that Constitutions were to be written down because vagueness of unwritten English constitution contributed to corruption and confusion
* They limited or even removed the power of the executive
* None of the new constitutions embraced direct popular rule
  + All used houses of member elected by the public to represent the public
* Massachusetts created a constitution which was made by a committee which would never meet again without something unthought of happening
  + This prevented the constitution being changed or violated and then just changed by legislators
* Massachusetts governor was directly elected and had set pay
* Complete separation of church and state became the norm
* Slavery was hotly contested but was kept legal for the time being

**Articles of Confederation**

* Provided for a national government, which the Congressional Congress was the main part of
* For troops and taxes the Congressional Congress had to go through state governments who often denied them
* Each state had one representative in the Congressional Congress
* Representation was equal for all states, regardless of population
* Confederation solved some of the controversies around western lands