The New Nation Two-Column Notes

**Don’t lose these notes – We will use these for the next three weeks!!!!!!!**

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| What rights does the Declaration of Independence guarantee? | Why was Declaration written?When was it written?Who wrote it?**Rights:**1)2)3) |
| What were the Articles of Confederation? | * Definition -
* Problems or weaknesses:

1)2)  3) |
| How did our Founding Fathers try to solve the problems created by the Articles of Confederation? | * Constitutional Convention
* Leaders
* Decision
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| What were the major issues debated or argued during the convention? | 1. States Rights –
2. Representation –
3. Slavery –
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| How were these issues resolved? | **A Constitution was written which was and still is the blueprint for the U.S. government!!!!!!!**How did the Constitution solve the major issues?1. It set up a Federal System of government:
2. Great Compromise set up two houses in Congress:
3. Three – fifths compromise on slavery:
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| What is in the Constitution? | 1. Preamble –
2. Three Branches –
3. Amendments –
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| What is in the Preamble of the Constitution? | 1. **We the People** are the first three words. What does this mean?
2. Preamble explains there are five functions or jobs of government:

A) B)C)D)E) |
| Why have three branches of government? | 1. Separation of Power –
2. Checks and Balances –
3. **Most Important Point –**
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| What is the role or purpose of each branch? | * Executive –
* Legislative –
* Judicial –
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| What are amendments? | * Definition –
* Why were they added?
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| What is the Bill of Rights? |  **First Ten Amendments which guarantee personal freedoms!!!!!!!**1. 5-8)
2. 9)
3. 10)
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| What is the difference between federal and state government? |  **Federal State** |
| What are the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen in the United States? | 1. Respecting rights of others –
2. Voting –
3. Promoting the common good –
4. Staying informed
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