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 |
| What were the major issues debated or argued during the convention? | 1. States Rights – 2. Representation – 3. Slavery – |
| 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: |
| What is in the Constitution? | 1. Preamble – 2. Three Branches – 3. Amendments – |
| 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 –** |
| What is the role or purpose of each branch? | * Executive – * Legislative – * Judicial – |
| What are amendments? | * Definition – * Why were they added? |
| What is the Bill of Rights? | **First Ten Amendments which guarantee personal freedoms!!!!!!!**   1. 5-8) 2. 9) 3. 10) |
| 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 |