

Unit 3 Focus Guide

1. Study all Unit 3 Key Terms
2. What document, approved by 13 states, was established the first government in 1781?
3. What term identifies a state-centered, decentralized government where the primary powers of government are held at the state level and which no president exists?
4. What became evident about the government when states were given most powers during the early years of the United States?
5. What would be the primary reason why the relations between the states and Congress worsened?
6. What does the Resolution of the Declaration of Independence say the U.S. can do as independent states of America?
7. What event led to Congress meeting to revise the Articles of Confederation?
8. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
9. Which group felt that a bill of rights was necessary to guarantee individual rights and freedom?
10. Which group believed that a strong national government was the best way to guarantee individual rights and freedom?
11. During the years 1788 through 1791, Americans debated whether to ratify the constitution. During this time, the Anti-Federalists engaged in many activities to express their viewpoint on the Constitution. What was one major outcome of the Anti-Federalist's activities?
12. What was the primary fear of the Anti-Federalists?
13. How did the Federalist justify their need for a strong central government?