**Constitutional Convention - Notes**

**Under the Articles of Confederation, the new nation faced several challenges and problems. However, the first constitution did provide a positive process for early settlers and a growing nation. Answer the following questions to understand this idea.** Page 104

Explain the Land Ordinance of 1785. How did the Congress organize western lands for settlers to claim?

What was the Northwest Ordinance? How did it solve the issue of western lands becoming states?

**Following Shay’s Rebellion and other challenges under the Articles of Confederation, delegates from the states met at the Constitutional Convention in 1787.** Pages 106-107

What was the purpose of the convention?

Who was in attendance? What key figures played major roles? Who did not attend? Why?

What beliefs did the delegates share? What ideas divided them?

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| **Issue** | **Point of View**  **#1** | **Point of View**  **#2** | **Compromise Made** |
| **How should states be represented in the new government?**  Pages 109-110 |  |  |  |
| **How should slaves be counted?**  Pages 111-112 |  |  |  |
| **How should the chief executive be elected?**  Pages 113-114 |  |  |  |

**Conflict to Compromise: The Constitutional Convention 1787**

**United and Divide: Reflection on Compromises of the Constitutional Convention.**

Which of the 3 compromises do you feel was the biggest success and will help to **unify** the United States in the future (after 1787)?

Explain:

Which of the 3 compromises do you feel will cause the most problems and help to **divide** the United States in the future (after 1787)?

Explain:

**The Constitutional Convention Ends with Decisions to be made…** Page 115

How would the states approve the Constitution? Who would be a part of that process?

Did the Constitution have overwhelming support from all of the delegates? Why?