Chapter 5: The Articles of Confederation and the Origins of the Constitution pages 152 -157

Key Terms and People: Define the following terms.

Magna Carta

English Bill of Rights

Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

Suffrage

Articles of Confederation

Ratification

Land Ordinance of 1785

Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Northwest Territory

Main Idea # 1: Ideas about Government

1. After winning the Revolutionary war was America's next step?

2. What documents did Americans look to when creating a new government and what were they?

3. What ideas did the Americans take from John Locke and Baron de Montesquieu?

4. What is a constitution?

5. How did the Declaration of Independence influence the Constitution?

6. How did state constitutions keep individuals from gaining too much power?

7. What is significant about Massachusetts state constitution?

8. What is the significance about Jefferson's ideas about religious freedom?

9. IN what ways was suffrage expanded and limited in state constitutions?

Main Idea # 2: Articles of Confederation

1. What was the Second Constitutional Congress organized to create? What did they do?

2. Describe the Articles of Confederation? (Branches of government, etc..)

3. How many votes did each state have in Congress?

4. What powers did Congress have - name 4?

5. What power did the states have over Congress?

6. Why do you think that the Committee of Thirteen did not provide for a president in the Articles of Confederation?

7. Who had more power – state governments or the national government?

8. What were two weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

Main Idea # 3: Northwest Territory

1. What problems arose due to the addition of the land acquired in the West after the war?

2. What was the Land Ordinance of 1785 and why was it created?

3. Why was the Northwest Ordinance passed?

4. Describe the steps under the Northwest Ordinance for a territory to become a state.

5. What important rights did the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 provide?