



Why the Constitution?

1. What is a democracy? How is it different from other forms of government?
2. What were the *Articles of Confederation* and why were they created?
3. What were the primary concerns with the *Articles of Confederation* once they were enacted?
4. What is the *U.S. Constitution*? When, where, why, and how was it created?
5. What are the benefits of having a central (federal) government?
6. What are the limitations of having a central (federal) government?

7. What were some of the major issues of debate while the Constitution was being developed?
8. List three similarities between the contents of the two documents. Use at least one quotation from each document.
9. List three differences between the contents of the two documents. Use at least one quotation from each document.
10. Explain one weakness in the Articles of Confederation and how it was addressed through the Constitution.