New Nation Study Guide

1. Name the 5 weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

Weak central government, no money, boundary disagreements, quarrelling states, no respect

2. Under the Articles of Confederation, what power was held exclusively by the national government?

 Declaring war

3. To pass a law in the Confederation Congress, you needed how many delegates to agree?

 Nine-thirteenths

4. What was the biggest obstacle facing the Continental Congress?

 Enforcing laws

5. What phrase best describes a federalist system of government?

 Balance of power

6. What was the original mission of the Philadelphia Convention?

 Fix the Articles of Confederation

7. Who wrote the Virginia Plan and what kind of state does it favor?

 James Madison – large states

8. Who wrote the New Jersey Plan and what kind of state does it favor?

 William Paterson – small states

9. What is the U.S. Constitution?

 The plan of how the government works

10. Name the 3 parts of the Constitution.

 1. Preamble 3. Amendments

 2. Articles

11. What is the purpose of the Preamble?

 It tells why the Constitution was written

12. What is the purpose of the Articles? Name the three branches.

 It describes the parts of the government in three equal parts

1. Legislative 2. Executive 3. Judicial

13. Who is known as the “Father of the Constitution”?

 James Madison

14. Describe the Three-Fifths Compromise.

For every 5 slaves, they counted as 3 people to go towards the population count for the Electoral College.

15. What President bought the Louisiana Purchase?

 Thomas Jefferson

16. Who did we buy the Louisiana Territory from?

 France

17. How did the Louisiana Purchase help the United States?

 It doubled its size and made the United States a major world nation

18. Who were Lewis and Clark?

Explorers who went west to explore the Louisiana Territory west of the Missouri River

19. What are two ways Sacajawea helped Lewis and Clark?

 1. Guide 2. Interpreter

20. Be able to match the Bill of Rights.

21. What was the effect of the Embargo Act of 1807?

 It hurt American shipping and the economy

22. What are two reasons that the United States joined the War of 1812?

 1. Fight against impressment of soldiers

 2. British had helped Native Americans in the west

23. Who won the war of 1812?

 There was no clear winner

24. The “Star- Spangled Banner” is written by who?

 Francis Scott Key

25. What American victory was the “Star-Spangled Banner” written about?

 Fort McHenry

26. What caused Great Britain to burn Washington D. C. during the War of 1812?

They wanted to punish the Americans for invading Canada and destroying York

27. What did Tecumseh want?

 Protection for Native American lands

28. Why did Spain sell Florida to the United States in the Adams-Onis Treaty of 1819?

 Andrew Jackson led troops into Florida and Spain didn’t want to fight

29. What made the British soldiers leave their ships and join the American ships?

 Conditions in the British navy were horrible

30. What did President Jefferson try before entering the war?

 Asked Congress for the Embargo Act

31. Who was Dolley Madison?

James Madison’s wife who saved important government documents when the White House was invaded

32. Who was Sacajawea?

 Interpreter for Lewis and Clark

33. Who was Tecumseh?

 Tried to convince the Indians to unite and fight against the white settlers

34. Who was Thomas Jefferson?

 President who bought the Louisiana Territory from France

35. Who was Napoleon?

Emperor who sold all of Louisiana for $15 million to get money to fight Britain

36. Who was Andrew Jackson?

 Fought the Battle of New Orleans

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