Chapter 7: “Founding a Nation, 1783-1789”

Identify and give the historical significance of each of the following terms, events, and people in a paragraph or two.

1. Shays’s Rebellion
2. Bill of Rights
3. Naturalization Act of 1790
4. Treaty of Greenville
5. James Madison
6. *Letters from an American Farmer*
7. Articles of Confederation
8. Northwest Ordinance of 1787
9. *The Federalist*
10. Slave compromises
11. Anti-Federalists
12. Constitutional Convention

Potential Essay Questions:

- Compare the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution. Which document did a better job of protecting liberties? Running a government? Explain your answer with specific examples.

- How did the framers of the Constitution balance the competing claims of local self-government, sectional interests, and national authority?

- Explain the arguments of the Anti-Federalists. How did they define liberty and what role did they see government having in protecting that liberty?

- How did blacks and Indians fit into the new political order created by the Constitution of 1787? What liberties were extended or denied them?

- Using *Letters from an American Farmer* and *Notes on the State of Virginia*, discuss the reach of American citizenship. What did it take to be free and to have liberties in the new nation? According to Crèvecoeur and Jefferson, would there ever be a time when America might be a melting pot of more than just white Europeans?