

Fraser: Chapter 6

Complete the following exercises in order *as you read* the chapter.

INTRODUCTION

Introductions provide a valuable guide to the material you are about to read, telling you what topics will be covered and how they fit together. If you keep the "big picture" provided by the introduction in mind as you read the chapter, you'll find it much easier to organize your notes, identify important information, and avoid getting lost in the details. With this in mind, re-read the introduction to Chapter 6. As you read, make a list of the key topics you expect to learn about.

Key Topics

Key Terms

When you finish reading the chapter, identify and explain the importance of the following terms. Use this list to review your understanding of the chapter.

The State of the Nation at War's End

Graphic Note Taking: Charting Diverse Outcomes

When the War for Independence officially came to an end in 1783, newly independent Americans from all walks of life celebrated. Victory, however, had very different consequences for different social and ethnic groups. As you read this section, use a table like the one included below to take notes on the impact of the American victory on important segments of colonial society. You'll use your table to answer a question when you finish this section.

Group	Consequences
Revolutionary Army Officers	
Poor White Farmers	
White Settlers Moving West	
American Indians	
Slaves, former Slaves, and Slave Owners	
Women	

Reviewing the Facts

Provide a short answer (3-4 sentences) for each of the questions below. It's OK if you need to go back and re-read parts of the section in order to find the answers. The purpose of these questions is not to test you, but to help you discover how much you know and what you might need to review.

1. What brought the American army to the brink of mutiny and a *coup d'état* in 1783?

2. Why was American victory in the Revolutionary War a disaster for American Indians?

3. What role did advocates of Republican Motherhood imagine women playing in the new nation?

Making Connections

Take another look at the drawing of discontented farmers gathering during Shays's Rebellion on page 160 of your text book. How might such scenes have contributed to the push to replace the Articles of Confederation with a document that established a stronger central government?

Graphic Note Taking: Follow Up

Use your notes to help answer the following question. What impact did American victory in the Revolutionary War have on the institution of slavery?

Creating a Government: Writing the U.S. Constitution

Graphic Note Taking: Outline

By the late 1780s, many Americans had become convinced that the nation's problems could not be adequately addressed by the government established by the Articles of Confederation. Facing complex fiscal and national security challenges, delegates met in Philadelphia in 1787 to craft a new constitution. As you read the section, create an outline like the one included below to help you trace the developments and debates that led to the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. You should continue your outline from the point at which the one included below leaves off. You'll use your outline to answer a question when you finish this section.

- I. The Crisis of the 1780s: The Failure of the Articles of Confederation
 - A. Challenges and Problems
 1. The power of state governments
 2. Limits on ability of national government to act in unified fashion
 3. Unanimous agreement required to levy taxes

Reviewing the Facts

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1. What was the key difference between the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan?

2. What concessions were made to slaveholders during the drafting of the Constitution?

3. Who were the Antifederalists?

Making Connections

Take another look at the image of crowds celebrating the ratification of the Constitution on page 182 of your text book. Given the strong opposition to the Constitution in many parts of the country, how would you explain the positive popular reaction to ratification?

Graphic Note Taking: Follow Up

Use your notes to answer the following question. Why did the Federalists win the battle over the ratification of the Constitution?