

Student Worksheet #1

★ The Road to the U.S. Constitution ★



A Journey Toward American Independence and Self-Government



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1774

First Continental Congress

Colonies meet to discuss the problems that the colonies had under British rule.

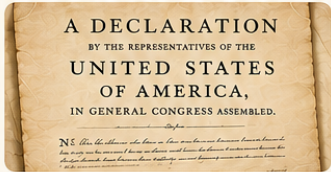


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1775

Second Continental Congress

Creates the Continental Army, led by George Washington, and begins leading the colonies.

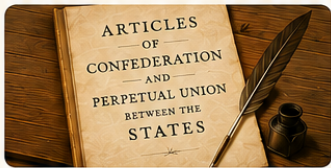


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1776

Declaration of Independence

The colonies declare independence from Great Britain.



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1777

Articles of Confederation Written

America's first plan for government is created.



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1781

Articles of Confederation Ratified

The first U.S. government begins, but it is too weak.



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1787

Constitutional Convention

Delegates write and sign the U.S. Constitution, creating Checks and Balances and Separation of Powers.



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1788

Constitution Ratified

The Constitution becomes the law of the land.



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1791

Bill of Rights Added

The first 10 Amendments protect individual rights and freedoms.



Through debate, compromise, and courage,
the Founding Generation built a nation
based on liberty, justice, and the common good.

