

Building Vocabulary

Antifederalists	Federalists	Northwest Territory
Articles of Confederation	Great Compromise	republic
Bill of Rights	James Madison	Shays's Rebellion
Constitutional Convention	New Jersey Plan	Three-Fifths Compromise
federalism	Northwest Ordinance	Virginia Plan

A. Completion Select the term or name that best completes the sentence.

Support for strengthening the national government increased after (1) _____ broke out in Massachusetts in 1786. At the Constitutional Convention the following spring, one of the leaders was (2) _____. He and others established a (3) _____, a country in which the people choose representatives to govern them. The Constitution was based on (4) _____, a system of government in which power is shared among the central government and the states. Helping to protect citizens from the powers of the national government is the (5) _____.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. Wilderness Road	a. an act on surveying western territories
_____ 2. Land Ordinance of 1785	b. a proposal for a one-house legislature
_____ 3. Northwest Territory	c. a set of essays defending the Constitution
_____ 4. Northwest Ordinance	d. a trail into Kentucky
_____ 5. Virginia Plan	e. an agreement on how to count the slave population when setting taxes
_____ 6. New Jersey Plan	f. an act on governing western territories
_____ 7. Great Compromise	g. an agreement on legislative representation
_____ 8. Three-Fifths Compromise	h. a Virginian who opposed the Constitution
_____ 9. <i>The Federalist</i> papers	i. the region from Ohio through Wisconsin
_____ 10. George Mason	j. a proposal for a two-house legislature

C. Writing Use each of the following terms correctly in a paragraph on how to divide power under federalism. Underline each word you use.

Articles of Confederation	Constitutional Convention	James Madison
Federalists	Antifederalists	