

**Big 50 Key
Terms
Review # 1**

**America's first form of
government was the
Articles of Confederation**

**The Articles of
Confederation was too weak
& was replaced by the
Constitution**

**What was the period after the
Civil War (1865 to 1877)
called?**

Reconstruction

*During Reconstruction the
Northern troops remained in the
South enforcing the new
amendments.*

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Cabinet

advisors to the president

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Lobbyists

Hired to influence how Congress votes on laws

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Political parties

Major parties today are the Democrats and Republicans

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Judicial Review

Supreme Court can declare a law Unconstitutional

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Committee System

Congress is divided into groups based on topics

**What term means anti-
foreigner feeling?**

nativism

**What compromise established
two houses of Congress?**

Great Compromise

*Which part of Congress has
always been directly elected?*

House of Representatives

**The physical count of the
people in each state taken
every ten years**

census

***Years that end in 0 such as 2000 and 2010
(to determine the number of reps each
state has in the House of Representatives)***

**What term means two houses
of Congress?**

bicameral

*Which part of Congress has
members directly elected because of
the 17th Amendment?*

Senate

**These articles were written to
gain support for the
Constitution?**

Federalist Papers

*Hamilton, Jay and Madison wrote the
Federalist Papers to explain why the
Constitution was a better and safe
form of government (not too powerful).*

**What term means Congress
can stretch the meaning of the
Constitution to meet changing
needs of society?**

Elastic Clause

Monopolies were business that tried to eliminate competition to increase their profits.

Monopolies were also called pools and trusts

**Breaking up monopolies is
called?**

trustbusting

*The most famous trustbusting
legislation was the Sherman
Anti-trust legislation.*

**Term that meant territories
could vote for themselves if
they wanted to be free or slave**

Popular Sovereignty

Slaves states that did not leave the Union during the Civil War were called border states (such as Missouri, Maryland, Kentucky, and Delaware)

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What term means blending in or accepting new culture?

assimilate or assimilation

**What act was passed by the
first Congress and allowed
new states to enter the
country?**

Northwest Ordinance

**This was a feeling or attitude
Americans had that we should
control the entire continent
from coast to coast...**

Manifest Destiny

**As part of Manifest Destiny
being fulfilled, Congress
passed the Homestead Act
that encouraged people to
move west by giving them free
land.**

**This term means the states
and national governments
share power (*both operate and
have their own authority*)?**

Federalism

These are powers given to the national government in the Constitution – such as treaties.

Delegated powers

These are powers given to the state governments because they are NOT listed in the Constitution.

Reserved powers

Such as marriages licenses

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*Also called free market
or free enterprise*

**The indirect system we use to
select the President is called
the _____.**

The indirect system we use to select the President is called the **Electoral College.**

Founding Fathers did not trust the common man so they made this indirect system.

This term means people were moving to the cities... or cities growing in size.

Urbanization

This term means people adapted or accepted American culture.

assimilate / assimilation

The End

