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## Unit 2: From Constitution to Early Republic Test Study Guide

### Chapter 3

#### Chapter Main Ideas

1. Why did the new states prefer a republic rather than a democracy for a government?
2. Why did the states fear a strong, central government?
3. In what ways was the confederation too weak to handle the nation's problems?
4. What issues and events led to the Constitutional Convention?
5. In what ways did compromise play a critical role in the drafting of the U.S. Constitution?
6. Why was the slave trade an issue at the Constitutional Convention?
7. Briefly explain the separation of powers established by the Constitution.
8. What were the arguments for and against ratifying the Constitution?
9. What was *The Federalists* and what effect did this publication have on ratification of the Constitution?
10. Why did the states ratify the Constitution once a bill of rights was promised?

#### Critical Thinking

How might the U.S. have developed if the Articles of Confederation had continued to provide the basis for government?

In what ways was the land of the Northwest Territory distributed democratically?

### Chapter 4

#### Chapter Main Ideas

1. What were the first steps taken by the Washington administration in building a new government?
2. Why did President Washington want both Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton to be among his closest advisors?
3. Why was the Whiskey Rebellion a significant event in the early days of the new government?
4. What were three major international issues at this time, and how did the U.S. respond to them?
5. How did the U.S. manage to stay out of war during this period?
6. How did the expanding nation deal with Native Americans?

7. What were some of the accomplishments of Jefferson's first administration?
8. How did the Louisiana Purchase change the U.S.?
9. Who was William Harrison? What events led to the War of 1812?

## **Critical Thinking**

What were the accomplishments of the Treaty of Ghent?

### **Chapter 5**

## **Chapter Main Ideas**

1. How did the federal government gain power during the Monroe Presidential Administration?
2. What was the "era of good feeling?" How did this time period come about?
3. What is a tariff? Why did many Republicans change their minds about a national bank during the Monroe Administration?
4. What did the Monroe Doctrine prohibit?
5. What was the Adams-Onis treaty? What area was acquired as a result of this treaty?
6. What issues did new, western territories have to overcome as a result of growing population and representation in the federal government?
7. Who came up with the Missouri Compromise? What were the terms of the Missouri Compromise?

## **Critical Thinking**

How did the Monroe Doctrine reinforce President George Washington's foreign policy goals?