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Chapters 8 and 9

Actions of 2nd Continental Congress:

- Formed not for independence but to improve relations with England
- George Washington -> commander
- Olive Branch Petition
- Declaration of Independence
- Articles of Confederation

Olive Branch Petition:

- Sent to England
- Professed loyalty to England
- Asked for better relations

Declaration of Independence; objectives, content:

- Expressed complaints of colonies
- Declared independence

Republic; powers, characteristics:

- Republic: power held by people and elected representatives

“Remember the ladies” quote:

- Abigail Adams to John Adams
- Woman will feel no obligation to obey laws imposed on them without representation (like England<->Colonies)

Support for the American Revolution; loyalists, patriots, etc:

- Loyalists (Tories): loyal to England
- Patriots: anti-English-rule
- Thomas Paine, Common Sense

1778 Franco-American Alliance:

- France recognized USA
- Provided trade concessions
- Against British together

- No agreement with England except by both USA and France
- Guaranteed French possessions in USA

Treaty of Paris, 1783:

- England withdraws troops
- Compensation for Tory property
- British collection of debts
- Boundaries established
- US can be free, sovereign, independent

Articles of Confederation; approval, strengths, weaknesses:

- State power
- Unicameral
- Annual representative selection
- 1 vote per state
- 2-7 representatives per state
- no executive branch or judicial
- no trade regulation power
- 9 states assent required in matters of war and peace
- No enforcement powers of national government
- 7 states for a quorum, else unanimous votes
- Responsibility, no power
- Sold western lands
- Land Ordinance
- NW Land Ordinance

Northwest Ordinance, 1787:

- 3-5 states to be created in NW area
- No slavery
- Congress appoints governor, secretary, judges
- 5,000 free adult males -> representative legislation established
- 60,000 -> equal to other states

Land Ordinance, 1785:

- NW land surveyed, divided, sold

Shay's Rebellion:

- Daniel Shay
- Farmer
- 1/3 of income is taxes
- no money
- rebellion

Constitutional Convention; purpose, issues, compromises, ratification, "social contract":

- New governing system to be established

"Large-State Plan":**Slavery and the Constitution:**

- 3/5 compromise
- End slavery in 20 years
- Fugitive slaves must be returned to state

Federalist Paper #10:

- No division into factions
- Unity