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Nail the Framework of the 11th Grade New Republic

Examine how the early American legal architect's blueprint moved from a fragile alliance to a robust federal machine that still shapes modern courtrooms.

1. Which early document emphasized state sovereignty to the point that the national government could not settle disputes between states or regulate interstate commerce?

- A. The Declaration of Independence
- B. The Articles of Confederation
- C. The Treaty of Ghent
- D. The Federalist Papers

2. The _____ Plan proposed a bicameral legislature with representation based solely on state population, favoring larger states during the Constitutional Convention.

- A. New Jersey
- B. Connecticut
- C. Virginia
- D. Delaware

3. The Anti-Federalists generally opposed the new Constitution because they believed it lacked a specific list of protections for individual liberties.

- A. True
- B. False

4. What was the primary goal of the 'Federalist Papers' written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay?

- A. To outline a plan for a new war against Britain
- B. To protest the high taxes of the early 1790s
- C. To persuade New York voters to ratify the Constitution
- D. To establish the first political party system

5. The _____ Amendment in the Bill of Rights was designed to reassure states that they retained all powers not specifically granted to the federal government.

- A. First
- B. Fifth
- C. Tenth
- D. Twelfth

6. Under the original Constitution before any amendments, the President and Vice President were elected on a single ticket together as a team.

- A. True

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B. False

7. Which event most directly demonstrated the federal government's new-found power to enforce its laws during Washington's presidency?

- A. The XYZ Affair
- B. The Whiskey Rebellion
- C. The Proclamation of Neutrality
- D. The Boston Tea Party

8. To address the nation's debt, Alexander Hamilton proposed the creation of a _____ to manage government funds and print a stable national currency.

- A. National Bank
- B. Stock Exchange
- C. Treasury Bond Market
- D. Department of Commerce

9. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 is considered a success of the Articles of Confederation because it established a clear process for admitting new states.

- A. True
- B. False

10. The 'Elastic Clause' in Article I of the Constitution allows Congress to do which of the following?

- A. Directly appoint state governors
- B. Exercise powers not explicitly listed but necessary to carry out its duties
- C. Override any Supreme Court decision with a simple majority
- D. Veto state laws before they are passed