The Nation’s First Governments Notes Questions

1. Who was appointed by the Continental Congress to write the Declaration of Independence?

2. *Critical Thinking*: What are two skills the writer of the Declaration of Independence would need to make it an effective document? Explain your ideas.

3. When was the Declaration of Independence approved?

4. *Critical Thinking*: How would the King of England viewed the Declaration of Independence? Explain.

5. What is a Constitution?

6. What was the first Constitution of the United States?

7. What were three of the weaknesses of the Article of Confederation?

8. *Critical Thinking*: Why would the founders have wanted a weak national (federal) government at the beginning of our country? Explain.

9. *Critical Thinking*: Why would rebellions around the country have sent the message that changes needed to be made in the government? Explain.