



Welcome!

Today's Agenda

- Lecture 6: A New Nation

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Creating a government consistent with ideals of the Revolution

- centralizing power so that people of talent and merit could guide society
- decentralizing power so that ordinary people guided by civic virtue and hard work could guide society

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America as a Confederation

- state constitutions
 - expansion of suffrage
 - separation of church and state
- Articles of Confederation (1777-1788)
 - weak national government
 - attempts to regulate western settlement
 - inability to address the issue of war debt
 - economic and social instability

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America as a Nation

Constitution (1788)

- balances liberty and power
 - between nation and state:
 - federalism or divided sovereignty
 - within the national government:
 - checks and balances
 - separation of powers
- slavery
 - federalism puts slavery under the control of states not the national government except:
 - three-fifths clause
 - Congress allowed to ban slave trade after 1808
 - fugitive slaves = extraterritoriality

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America as a Nation (con't)

- Bill of Rights (1791)
 - codifies the rights of the governed