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Our New Nation "I Can" Statements

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- ✓ identify the weaknesses of the government established by the Articles of Confederation which led to the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia in 1787
- ✓ describe how trade promotes economic activity such as trade activities in the early nation were managed differently under the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution
- ✓ identify the leaders of the Constitutional Convention (James Madison and Benjamin Franklin) and describe the major issues they debated, including the rights of states, the Great Compromise and slavery
- ✓ organize and explain the three branches of U.S. government as outlined by the Constitution, describe what they do, and how they relate to each other (checks and balances and separation of power) and to the states
- ✓ differentiate between the role of state and federal government
- ✓ identify and explain the rights in the Bill of Rights, describe how the Bill of Rights places limits on the power of government, and explain the reasons for its inclusion in the Constitution in 1791 (Bill of Rights insures personal freedoms)
- ✓ compare and contrast "We the People" from the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution as a reflection of consent of the governed or popular sovereignty
- ✓ discuss the importance of freedom of expression as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- ✓ explain the process for making and enforcing laws
- ✓ discuss managing conflicts and protecting rights
- ✓ describe providing for the defense of a nation
- ✓ explain limiting the power of people in authority
- ✓ describe the fiscal responsibility of government
- ✓ explain the necessity of respecting rights of others and promoting the common good
- ✓ explain the necessity of obeying reasonable laws/rules voluntarily, and explain why it is important for citizens in a democratic society to participate in public (civic) life (staying informed, voting, volunteering, communicating with public officials)
- ✓ describe how physical systems affect human systems in regard to development of a new nation