

UNIT 2: AN INDEPENDENT AMERICA

Directions: Using your knowledge of each topic, describe the historical circumstances that led to each theme (e.g. U.S. Independence) or Unit (e.g. Independence and the U.S. Constitution) and its impact on the United States (see rubric).

Topics	Theme		Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Declaration of Independence <input type="checkbox"/> John Locke’s Theory of Natural Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Social Contract theory <input type="checkbox"/> Revolutionary War 	U.S. Independence	(Thematic Arc #1 Due at the start of class 10/26)	American Independence and the U.S. Constitution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> State vs. Federal Power under the Articles of Confederation <input type="checkbox"/> “Weaknesses” of the Articles of Confederation <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Shay’s Rebellion 	Articles of Confederation	(Thematic Arc #2 Due at the start of class 11/2)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Constitutional Convention of 1787 <input type="checkbox"/> The Great Compromise <input type="checkbox"/> The 3/5ths Compromise <input type="checkbox"/> The Electoral College System <input type="checkbox"/> Ratification Debate: Federalists vs. Antifederalists <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Federalist Papers</i> <input type="checkbox"/> The American Bill of Rights 	The U.S. Constitution	(Thematic Arc #3 Due at the Start of class 11/9)	