Study Guide

Vocabulary (You must be able to define these words.)

- Heritage
- Charter
- Tyranny
- Direct Democracy
- Republic
- Natural Rights
- Separation of Powers
- Compact
- Constitution
- Ratification

Dates

Know the date in which the events that led to American Independence occurred:
1. French and Indian War (1754-1763)
2. Boston Massacre - March 5, 1770
3. Boston Tea party - December 16, 1773
4. Lexington and Concord - April 18, 1775
5. Declaration of Independence is written (1776)
6. Articles of Confederation are ratified (1781)
7. Revolutionary War Ends - April 11, 1783

Revolutionary War

- Sugar Act – a British tax placed on things like sugar and tea in the colonies
- Stamp Act – a British tax placed on things like newspapers and legal documents in the colonies
- Proclamation of 1763- stated that the colonies could not settle west of the Appalachian Mountains
- Intolerable Act- includes Quartering Act, Boston Port Act, and the Quebec Act

Articles of Confederation

- It was the first constitution of the United States
- It created many problems in the young government (law and order was difficult to uphold, various currency was used, open to invasion from foreign countries, no national court system)
- The States had more power than the national government
- It established a weak system of government
  - Congress Had Power To: Establish a Postal System, Create an Army and Navy, and Print and Borrow Money
  - Congress Had No Power To: Enforce Its Own Laws, Collect Taxes, and Raise or Draft Troops Into Service

Questions

- Who was William Daws?
- Who was on the Committee of Five?
- What was the mail problem of the Second Continental Congress?
- During the Revolution our forefathers began to construct what type of government that only lasted until 1787?
- What was a major Reason our forefathers decided to change this type of government?
- Review the cartoon on page 84 of your text.
- Review Inspiration map you created.