• The British/colonial relationship changed after the French and Indian war
• Thomas Paine influenced the declaration of independence
• All 13 states had to consent to amend the Articles. If one state didn’t want to consent there would not be any change
• Many states added their own bill of right which was familiarly to the original bill of rights
• Shays’ Rebellion was a protest against foreclosures on farms
• Shays Rebellion is an example of the major weakness of the Articles
• Annapolis convention purpose was to discuss the Articles, only 5 states showed up
• All states except Rhode island showed up to the Philadelphia convention
• Objects of Government is the belief that government should preserve right to achieve wealth
• Nature of Government is the separation of powers
• The number one issue at the convention was representation
• The NJ plan proposed a unicameral legislature with equal representation per state
• The Virginia Plan proposed a bicameral legislature with representation to be based on population
• In 1787, slavery was legal in every state except Massachusetts
• Connecticut Compromise created a bicameral legislature (Citizens in smaller states have more power over Senators than larger states)
• In contrast to the U.S. Constitution, state constitutions tend to be long and very detailed, with numerous amendments
• The United States has the world’s oldest two-party system