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Unit II : The Constitution and Founding Documents

The transition from a federation of American colonies to the United States of America was marked by extraordinary events: sincere attempts at diplomacy, violent conflict, thoughtful consideration of the rights of man, passionate debate about the role of government, and ultimately, the construction of the system of republican government under which we still live.

This unit will be broken into 4 different sections:

1. Confederation
2. A New Constitution
3. Ratification
4. First Tasks of New Government

In other words, a group of passionate men worked together to create a lasting system of government that still exists today.

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So, why are we studying the Constitution?

Because the Constitution affects our lives in a large way and on a daily basis. Every day that you go to school, talk on the telephone, use the internet, or go to church, you are affected by the US Constitution.

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