Chapter 7 Section 3b
Ratification of the Constitution

Objectives:
1. Identify the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists and three items that would support their point of view.
2. Explain which states were first to ratify the Constitution, two important states and the last to ratify
3. Explain what amendments are, why they are important and define the first 10 amendments.

XI. The States debate the Constitution
A. There were two groups that formed when discussing the Constitution
   1. Federalists
      a. This group was in support of the Constitution
      b. Their point of view
         1. The Articles of Confederation were too weak
         2. Their was too much conflict with the states
         3. The national government had no direction
      c. With the new Constitution
         1. There was direction
         2. The power protect individual rights

   2. Anti-Federalists
      a. This group was opposed to the Constitution
      b. Their point of view
         1. Made the national government too strong
         2. The President had too much power
         3. Did not protect individual rights
            a) The Constitution only laid on how government was going to work
            b) There was a need for a Bill of Rights
               1) Some states refused to even look at the Constitution if there was no Bill of Rights

XII. States Ratify the Constitution
A. Many of the small states were first
   1. Under the Articles of Confederation these states would have been easily taken over by larger states
B. In 1788 New Hampshire was the 9th state to ratify, the new Constitution was ready to take over
C. While the government could form, two large states had not yet joined
   1. New York
   2. Virginia
D. By July 12 of 13 states had ratified the Constitution
   1. The last one to ratify was Rhode Island in 1790
   2.

XIII. Changing the Constitution
A. Article V or Amendments to the Constitution
   1. There are two ways to have an Amendment proposed
      a. Both houses of Congress must have 2/3 agreeing
      b. A National Convention can create one (never been used)
   2. There are two ways to ratify or pass an Amendment
      a. 3/4 of state legislatures
      b. 3/4 of a state run convention (only used once)

B. The first items to be added were called the Bill of Rights
   1. These protected the “Natural rights” we all have
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