***Study Guide US History***

***MT 1 Founding of the Nation***

1. What were the ideas behind Montesquieu’s separation of powers? How did it get into the Constitution?

2. According to John Locke, all men had natural rights. What were they?

3. How did the idea of natural rights affect the colonist’s views of the king?

4. How were Rousseau and Locke’s ideas of a social contract used in the Declaration of Independence?

5. What is a bicameral legislature?

6. What was the Great Compromise? What was the conflict between that needed a compromise?

7. What document represents the founding father’s view of how people should be treated in the US by the government? Give examples

8. What was the last compromise made to satisfy the anti-federalists concerns of a possible tyrannical government?

9. What was the main disagreement that split the Federalists and anti-federalists?

10. What was the main argument against the Constitution used by the anti-federalists?

11. Who was the leading enlightenment thinker?

12. According to John Locke, what rights are everyone born with?

13. To which political party did Thomas Jefferson emerge as the leader?

14. Why was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?

15. How did the 3/5 compromise solve the problem of representation in the South?

16. Who were the federalists and anti-federalists? What did each believe?

17. What were the main arguments against the Articles of Confederation?

***Essay Prompts:***

1. Analyze the ideas that went into the Declaration, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. What were the ideas? Who came up with the ideas, and how were they used in writing those three main charters of freedom?
2. Analyze the compromises that went into the US Constitution. What were the main concerns of both the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, and how did the two sides compromise to get the document completed?