CHAPTER 7
Section 2 Guided Reading and Review
The Constitutional Convention

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 2 in your textbook, answer the following questions:

1. What was the original goal of the Constitutional Convention? ______________________

2. Why is James Madison called “the Father of the Constitution”? ______________________

3. Why did the delegates keep their debates secret? ______________________

4. How would the legislature differ under the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan? ________________

5. What was Roger Sherman’s main contribution to the Convention? ______________________

6. How was the dispute between states over the question of the slave population resolved? ______________________

7. What were the Northern and Southern positions on outlawing the slave trade? ______________________

8. How was this disagreement resolved? ______________________

9. How would the Constitution be approved and go into effect? ______________________

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Briefly describe the responsibilities of each branch of government.

10. legislative branch ______________________

11. executive branch ______________________

12. judicial branch ______________________
**A. As You Read** **DO ALL**

**Directions:** As you read Section 3 in your textbook, fill in the graphic organizer with the ideas that influenced the Constitution of the United States.

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**B. Reviewing Key Terms**

**Directions:** Define the following terms.

1. republic
2. dictatorship
3. Magna Carta
4. habeas corpus