

1.1 THE FOUNDING FATHERS

The Founding Fathers were the men who wrote the Constitution and established the new government. They were: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton.

1.2 THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The Revolutionary War was fought between the American colonies and Great Britain from 1775 to 1783. The colonies won independence and became the United States of America.



1.3 THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution is the supreme law of the United States. It was written in 1787 and signed in 1788. It defines the powers of the federal government and the rights of the states and individuals.

1.4 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The federal government is divided into three branches: the Executive branch (led by the President), the Legislative branch (Congress), and the Judicial branch (the Supreme Court).

1.5 THE STATES

The United States is made up of 50 states. Each state has its own government and laws, but they all follow the Constitution.

2. THE AMERICAN WEST

The American West was a region of the United States that was explored and settled by Americans in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was a land of opportunity and adventure, where people sought new lands and new lives. The West was a place of discovery and expansion, where the American dream was often realized.