

September, Week 3 (16th to 22nd)

The Bill of Rights

Constitution Day, The National Holiday

On the **17th**, we celebrate **Constitution Day**, signed in **1787**. The improved framework for governing has been completed as the individual states recognize a need to revise the balance of power between the federal body and the individual states. Now the work begins for ratification by the individual states. **As a nation we have progressed:**

- From **13** individual colonies governed by the king of Great Britain, to a
- **"Declaration of Independence"**, creating 13 independent States (or countries), to the
- **First Continental Congress**, under **"The Articles of Confederation"** (a compact), to the



- **Second Continental Congress**, creating **"The U.S. Constitution"** (a compact), and
- **The Bill of Rights (19 proposed, 12 accepted by Congress, 10 are ratified by the States)**, to the
- Implementation of a new Executive Branch, with a Bicameral Legislature and a Supreme Court.

Key to the process are the writings of the Federalist as well as the Anti-Federalist, along with the personal journals of our Founding Fathers.

What is yet to come: For those that appreciate this place in history, it is a remarkable time, one that should be celebrated as **"The National Holiday"**. Not only should we enshrine this as a day of victory and celebration, but also a renewal of learning about our history as we better understand the legacy we have been provided with and what we hope to pass along to future generations. *It is hard to defend what we do not understand.*

What lies ahead?

This is the big question that people are asking today. Take hope in the truth that God is watching over us all, and that the same as our Founding Fathers saw the hand of Providence, we will see the same today. Believe and prepare, expand a conversation that will ensure a peaceful journey. **Yet stand on the principled beliefs of what has made America the shining light on a hill. Our best days are ahead.**

