

Lecture 3

The USA

Two formative events



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Plan

- The Sugar Act. The Stamp Act. The Boston Tea Party.
- The War of Independence.
- Forming a government.
- The new nation.
- The war of 1812.



Trouble with Britain

- The Sugar Act – 1764 – put a tax on sugar, wine – tax collectors into colonial harbours – ship-owners became smugglers
- The Stamp Act – 1765 – put a tax on all printed paper goods – put a stamp on the paper – tarring and feathering
- The Boston Tea Party – on the night of December 16, 1773 – threw overboard



The War of Independence

- April 19, 1775 – Lexington
- June 1775 – George Washington – commander-in-chief
- Spring 1775 – Thomas Jefferson
- July 4, 1776 – the Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence
- 6 years
- October 19, 1781 – the victory of the Americans
- 1783 – Paris – signed a treaty

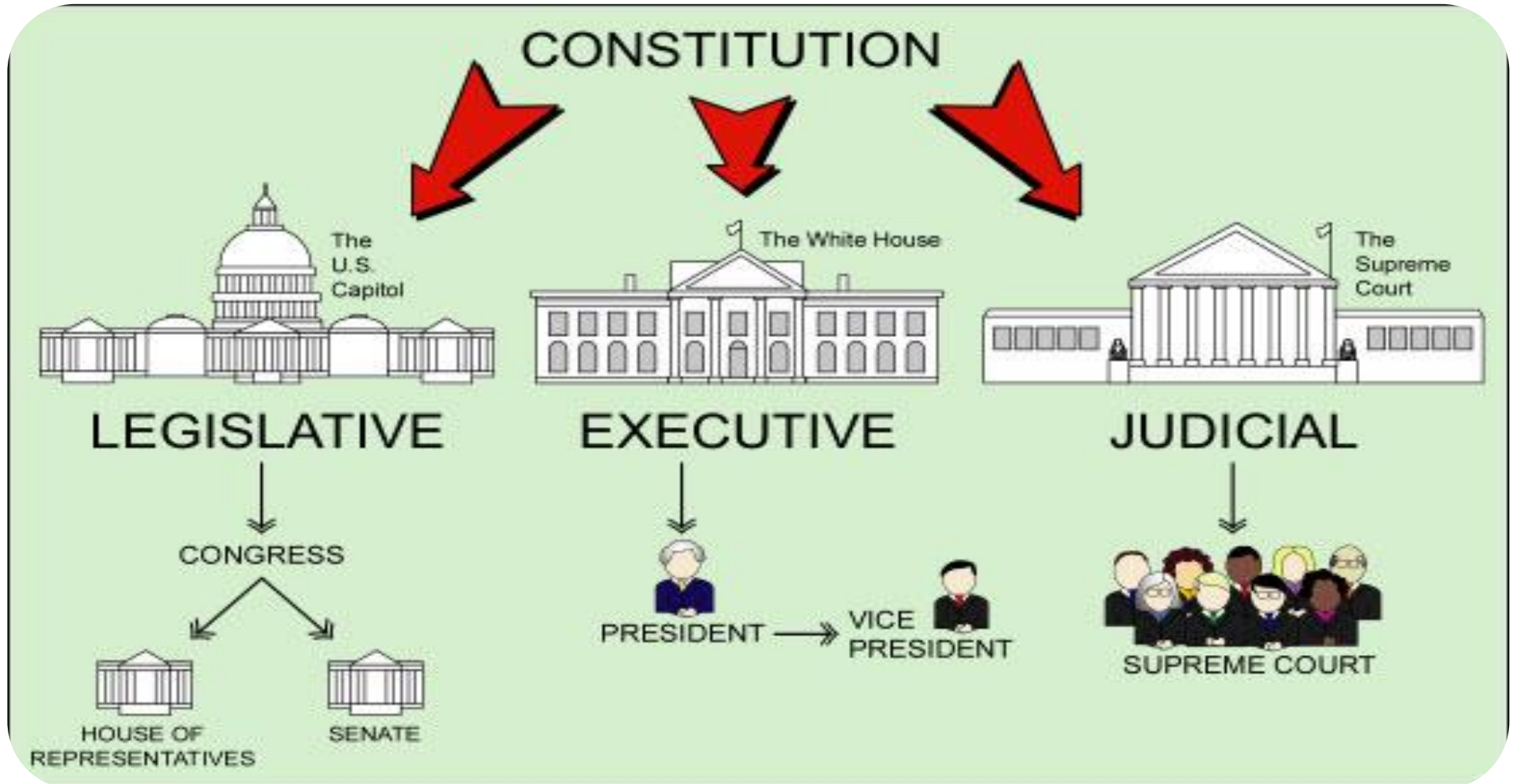


Forming a government

- 13 states joined into confederation
- Congress
- Population – more than 60,000 – became a state
- 2 houses – the House of Representatives – the Senate



3 branches of government



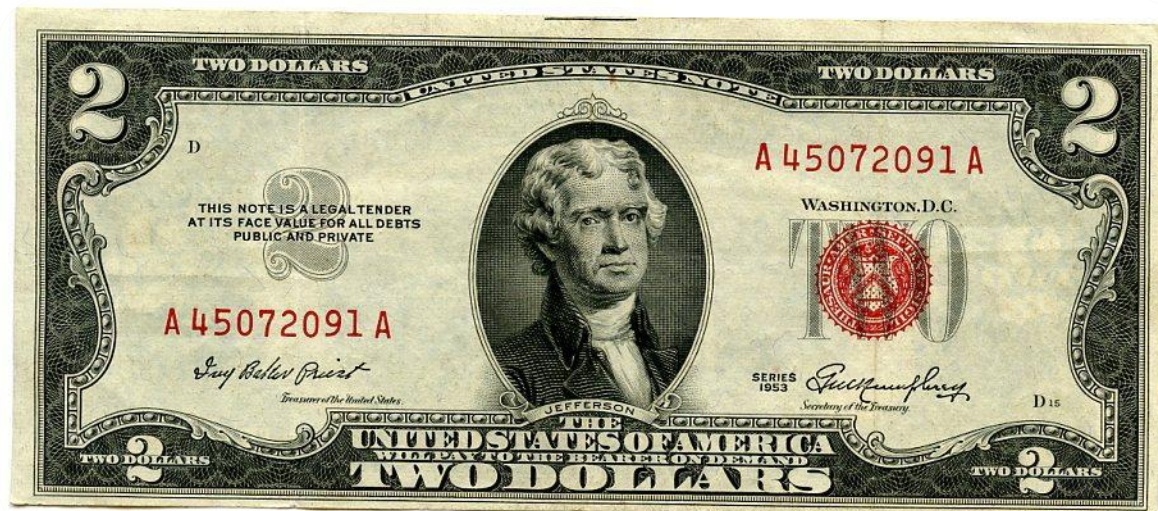
The Constitution

- 1790
- 1791 – ten amendments
- The Bill of Rights



The New Nation

- April 30, 1789 – George Washington
- The Cabinet
- Alexander Hamilton – the Department of Treasury
- Thomas Jefferson – the secretary of state
- During the 1790's – along the banks of the Potomac River – District of Columbia - Washington



The War of 1812

- 1812 – James Madison and Congress declared war against Great Britain
- Captain Oliver Perry – Great Lakes
- Maryland – 4500 soldiers
- Baltimore – Francis Scott Key – The Star Spangled Banner – anthem
- 1814 – were ready for peace





1. George Washington

2. John Adams

3. Thomas Jefferson

4. James Madison

5. James Monroe

6. John Quincy Adams

7. Andrew Jackson

8. Martin Van Buren

9. William Henry Harrison

10. John Tyler

11. James K. Polk



12. Zachary Taylor

13. Millard Fillmore

14. Franklin Pierce

15. James Buchanan

16. Abraham Lincoln

17. Andrew Johnson

18. Ulysses S. Grant

19. Rutherford B. Hayes

20. James A. Garfield

21. Chester Arthur

22. Grover Cleveland



23. Benjamin Harrison

24. Grover Cleveland

25. William McKinley

26. Theodore Roosevelt

27. William Taft

28. Woodrow Wilson

29. Warren G. Harding

30. Calvin Coolidge

31. Herbert Hoover

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt

33. Harry Truman



34. Dwight D. Eisenhower

35. John F. Kennedy

36. Lyndon Johnson

37. Richard Nixon

38. Gerald Ford

39. Jimmy Carter

40. Ronald Reagan

41. George Bush

42. Bill Clinton

43. George W. Bush

44. Barack Obama

Questions

- What was the Sugar Act?
- What goods did the Stamp Act put taxes on?
- What is the Boston Tea Party?
- How did the War of Independence start?
- Who was appointed commander-in-chief of the colonial army?
- Who is the author of the Declaration of Independence?
- How long did the War of Independence last?
- What are the two houses of Congress called?
- Name the three branches of the US government.
- What important document was adopted by Congress in 1790?
- What is the Bill of Rights?
- What promise did George Washington give when he was being inaugurated as the 1st president of the USA? When did this event take place?
- Name two famous Americans who served in the Cabinet.
- What were the causes of the War of 1812?
- How did Captain Oliver Perry stop the British advance in the north-west of the country?
- How did the British burn Washington?
- How was the national anthem of the USA born?
- What did the War of 1812 demonstrate about the USA?
- How many presidents were there in the USA?

