

7.3 A New Plan of Government (207-213)

READING CHECKS: Answer each question as you read the text.

- How did the English Bill of Rights influence Americans?
- What is the principle of federalism?
- Why does the Constitution divide government power among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches?
- According to the Antifederalists, why was a bill of rights important?
- Why was the support of New York and Virginia vital to ratifying the Constitution?

KEY TERMS: Define each term's meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- Enlightenment
- federalism
- article
- legislative branch
- executive branch
- Electoral College
- judicial branch
- checks and balances
- ratify
- Federalist
- Antifederalist
- amendment