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2.3 **Confederation and the Constitution**

MAIN IDEAS: Answer each question as you read the text.

A. What was the difference between the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787?

B. Why do you think news of Shays's Rebellion made states eager to participate in the Philadelphia convention?

C. In what ways did the Great Compromise resolve certain problems even as it created new ones?

- D. Why did the delegates fear that one branch of the government would gain too much power?
- E. Why did the Antifederalists insist that the Constitution must have a bill of rights?
- F. How did the adoption of the Bill of Rights show the flexibility of the Constitution?