**NBE #20 – Questions for Shay’s Rebellion and Constitutional Convention**

1. Draw a picture that represents the money problems facing the new nation.
2. Why did farmers like Daniel Shays rebel? (What were they upset about?)
3. What two things did Shays and his followers do?
4. First, they…
5. Then, they…
6. Why would Shays and his followers want so many weapons? (What might’ve been their plan?)
7. Were Shays and his followers justified in what they did? Explain why or why not.
8. Why were many Americans upset by Shays’ Rebellion?
9. How did Shays’ Rebellion affect the members of Congress?
10. What lesson did history teach members of Congress?
11. What was the first action of the Constitutional Convention?
12. Why did the delegates from Rhode Island boycott the convention?
13. More than 66% of the delegates were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and more than 33% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Who was the “father of the Constitution”?
15. Why was there a “rule of secrecy” at the convention?
16. What did the delegates agree was the best way to protect liberty and equality?
17. Since the earliest colonial days, Americans had practiced **representative democracy** (government in which people have a say in how things are run) – this can be seen in lawmaking bodies like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (see p. 108)
18. Delegates debated the following problem: If government is too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it might threaten the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the people, but if government is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it might lead to more problems like those that happened under the Articles of Confederation.