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A Biography of America: A New System of Government **Video Guide**

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11. What were some of the criticisms to the new U.S. Constitution?
12. How many states had to ratify the Constitution to make it official?
13. Why were "amendments" added to the new Constitution?
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