

Civics
The Nation's First Governments
(p. 39-42)

Answer the following:

1. Why was the Massachusetts Constitution (1780) unique?
2. What was the first constitution of the United States? Describe its weaknesses.
3. Describe Shay's Rebellion.
4. Why do you think that most early state constitutions made the legislature supreme?

Define:

5. constitution
6. bicameral
7. ratify
8. amend