**Chapter 8**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION:**

* How did the Confederation government deal with the problem of western lands?
* What do the state constitutions drawn up during the Confederation period tell us about the range of political opinion during the Revolutionary War and the years immediately following?

**THE CREATION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION**

* What forces and events combined to produce momentum for the creation of a new constitution?
* What political compromises were embodied in the Constitution?

**THE FIGHT FOR RATIFICATION**

* Where was support for the Constitution strongest? Where was it weakest? Why?
* Why did the Federalists ultimately prevail over the Antifederalists? What were the Federalists most important weapons in the debate over the Constitution?

**LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD**

* How did pre-revolutionary experiences with colonial legislatures and the British government shape the Articles of Confederation? The United States Constitution?
* What pre-revolutionary issues were left unresolved by the framers of the Constitution? Why?