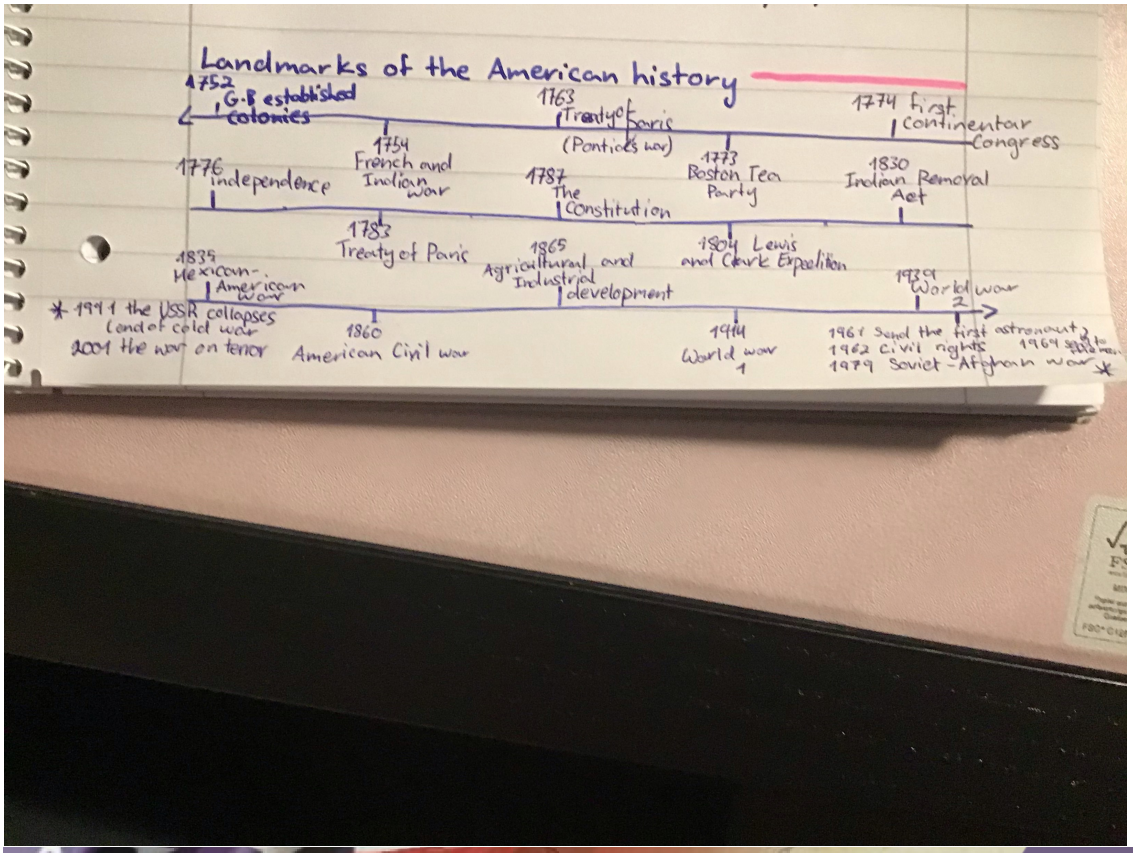


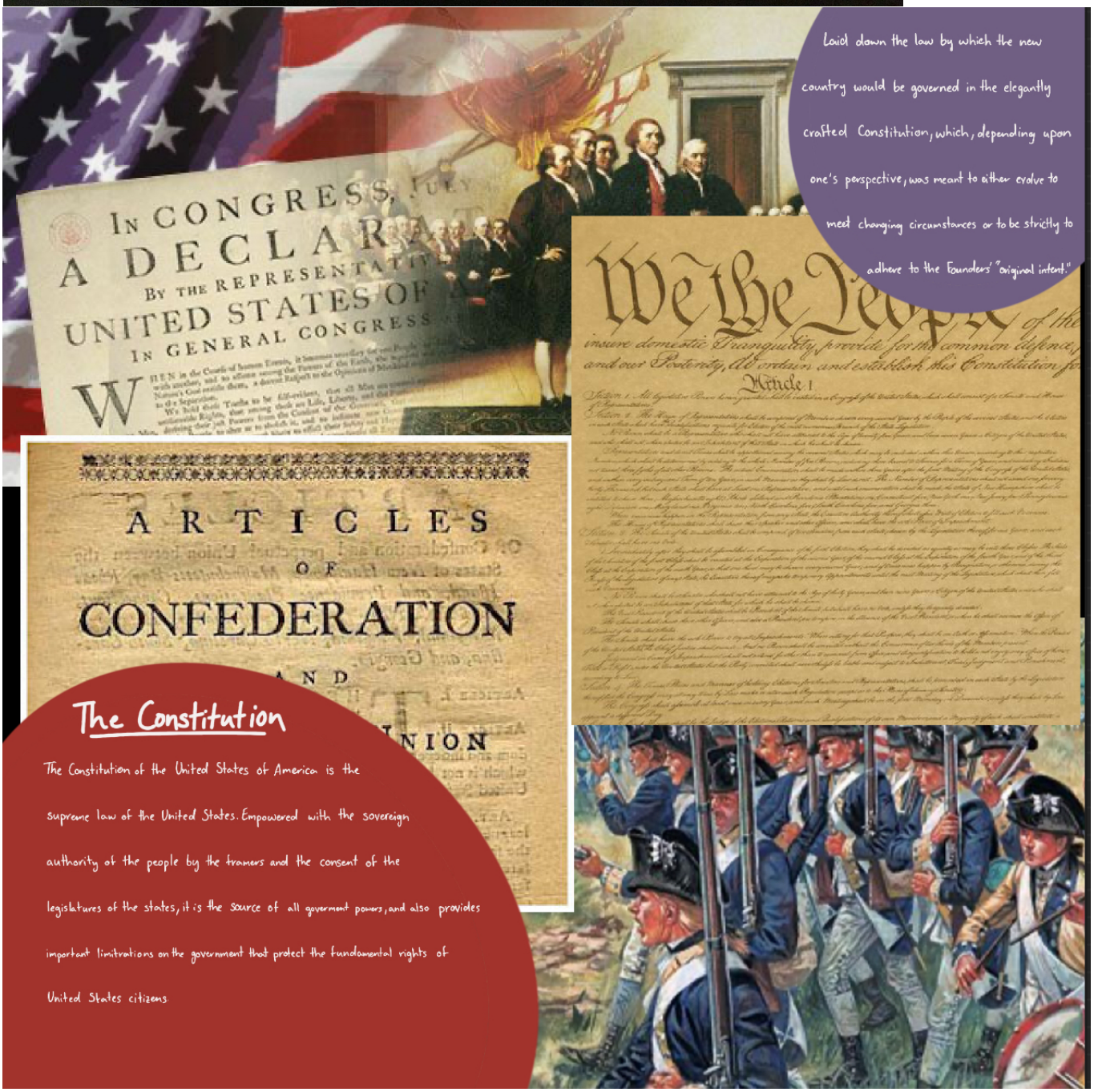


Laid down the law by which the new country would be governed in the elegantly crafted Constitution, which, depending upon one's perspective, was meant to either evolve to meet changing circumstances or to be strictly to adhere to the Founders' "original intent."

## The Constitution

The Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the United States. Empowered with the sovereign authority of the people by the framers and the consent of the legislatures of the states, it is the source of all goverment powers, and also provides important limitrations on the government that protect the fundamental rights of United States citizens.