Lesson 20- How did our nation form?

1. The colonies formed a new nation on July 4, 1776.
2. The leaders of Congress wrote a plan of government known as the Articles of Confederation, which was our country’s first Constitution.
3. The people in all 13 colonies were not happy with the Articles of Confederation and so in May of 1787, the Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia.
4. George Washington was elected president of the convention and kept meetings in order.
5. Roger Sherman proposed the Great Compromise, which would create a 2 house legislature.
6. The Senate would have an equal number of representatives, and the House of Representatives would be based on population of the states.
7. The first ten amendments were added to the Constitution in 1791, and were known as the Bill of Rights.
8. George Washington was elected president in 1789 and served for two four year terms.