

The Articles of Confederation

[Redacted]

- During the Revolution and following independence, states write their own constitutions

- [Redacted]

[Redacted] – A state where power is held by the citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives that they select.

State Governments

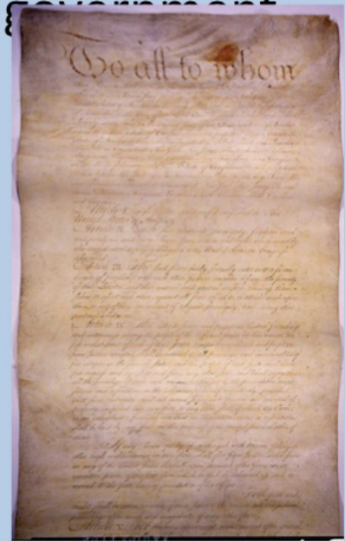
- Guaranteed Certain Rights:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] and voting rights (for some people)

13 states that function independently – [redacted]
together as a nation by “ARTICLES OF
CONFEDERATION”

Articles of Confederation

Articles of Confederation – agreement that serves as the basis of America's first government
Ratified in .



Articles of Confederation

Overview:

✓ Only branch of government is Congress –

[REDACTED]

✓ COULD

[REDACTED]

✓ Each state had 1 vote in Congress, regardless of

[REDACTED].

Western Lands

United States had gained territory during the Revolutionary War?

- States ceded land claims to Federal Gov't
- Question is, how is land to be settled, divided, etc?

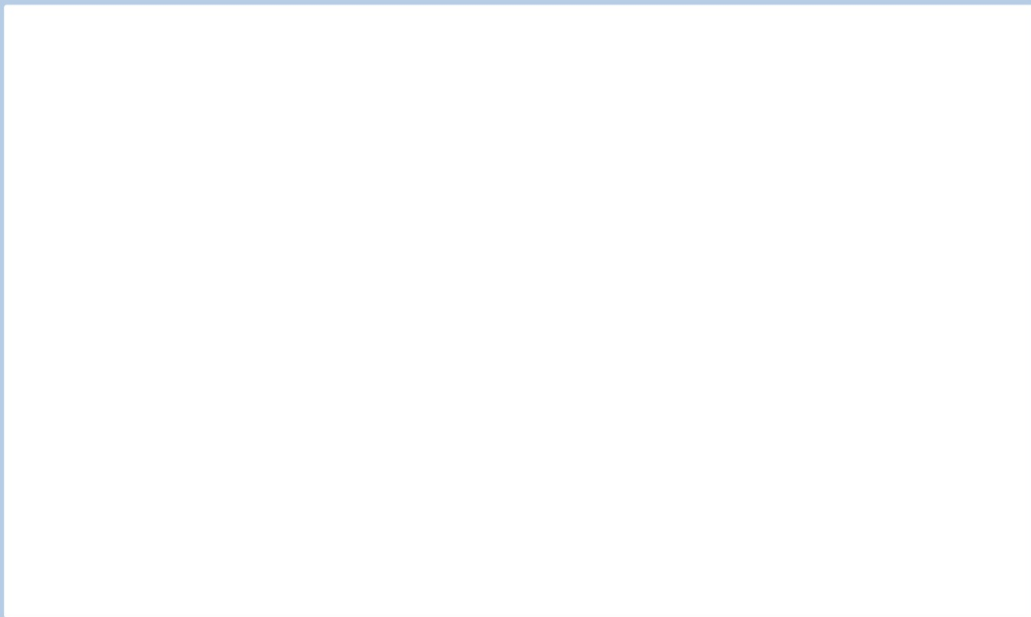


Western Lands

- [redacted] – Establishes plan to survey and divide the land
- [redacted] Establishes rules for establishing territories and creating states. Bans slavery in the Northwest Territory.
- [redacted] – Considered the only real success of the Articles

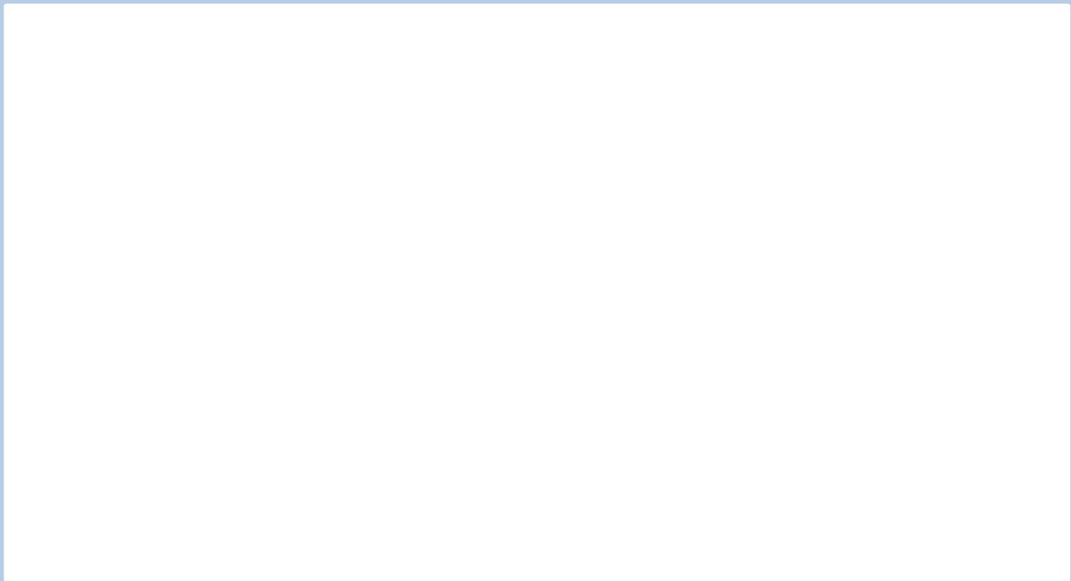
Problems with the Articles

Weakness of National Government:



Problems with the Articles

States in Conflict:



Shay's Rebellion Prompts Change

States are in debt from war, raising taxes

- War veterans hit hard
- Shay's Rebellion in Massachusetts, demanding tax relief, currency reform, debt forgiveness
- Lasts nearly two years; government cannot stop it (EXPOSES WEAKNESSES OF US GOVERNMENT!)
- Scares many in the ruling class
- Leads states to call for reform; calls for stronger government!

