

# **WANTED:**



**A "Just Right"  
Government**

# Wanted: A government that...



- Has enough \_\_\_\_\_ to do its job
- Doesn't give anyone too \_\_\_\_\_ power
- Considers the needs of all \_\_\_\_\_
- Lets people have a \_\_\_\_\_
- Protects individual \_\_\_\_\_

In 1777, the Americans wrote  
their first plan for  
government in a document  
called the



# The Articles of Confederation



A confederation is a \_\_\_\_\_ of  
individuals \_\_\_\_\_ together  
for a \_\_\_\_\_.



# The Articles of Confederation



- Each state was \_\_\_\_\_ and had its own \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each state would send \_\_\_\_\_ to the "Congress of the Confederation."
- The Congress was the only \_\_\_\_\_ government. There was no \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Congress, each state got \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

# A Rocky Relationship



Hey, this sounds great!

- States get to keep their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_ telling the states what to do
- Congress had the power to create a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ all the states

Wait! Not so fast...

- Congress had no way to \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_!
- Congress had no power to collect \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for the military!
- The Articles could only be \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_ the states agreed!



# QUICK QUIZ!



## **THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**



# Think About It

Under the Articles of Confederation, a President would lead the country.

- True
- False





# Think About It

Under the Articles of Confederation, states would be independent.

- True
- False



# Think About It

The Articles of Confederation were easy to change.

- True
- False



# Think About It

Under the Articles,  
states with more  
people got more  
votes in Congress.

- True
- False



# Think About It

Under the Articles,  
Congress did not have  
the power to collect  
taxes.

- True
- False



# Think About It

Under the Articles,  
Congress could pass  
laws and force states  
to follow them.

- True
- False



# Think About It

The Articles of Confederation created the first American government.

- True
- False

# QUICK QUIZ!



**IRRECONCILABLE  
DIFFERENCES?**



# Think About It

Everyone thought the  
central government  
should have more  
power.

- True
- False





# Think About It

Some people were afraid states might lose their independence.

- True
- False



# Think About It

Different states had different needs for government to meet.

- True
- False



# Think About It

The states all got  
along with each other.

- True
- False



# Think About It

The government created by the Articles of Confederation had everything under control among the states.

- True
- False

# A New Idea!



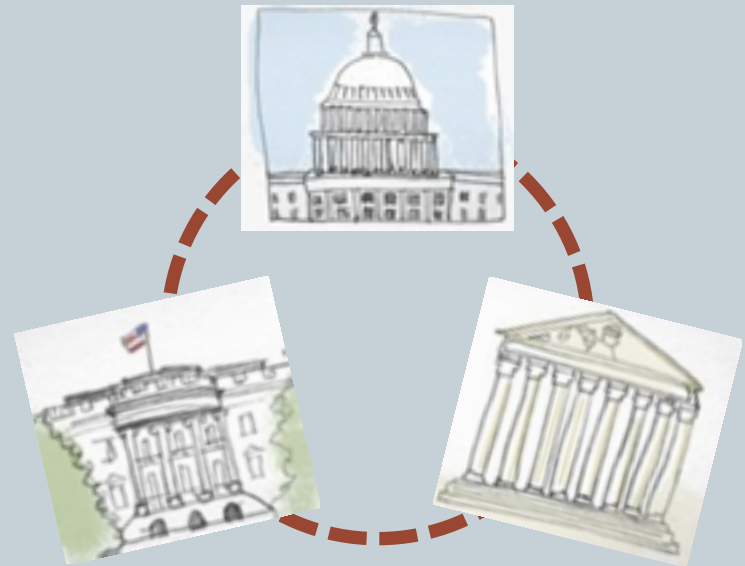
## Articles of Confederation



**1 Branch**

Legislative—makes laws

## New Idea



**3 Branches**

# Battle of the Plans



## The Virginia Plan

- Legislative branch has \_\_\_\_ "chambers"
- Number of votes for each state depends on the state's \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ states would have more power

## The New Jersey Plan

- Legislative branch has \_\_\_\_ "chamber"
- Each state gets \_\_\_\_ vote
- \_\_\_\_\_ states would have more power

(Virginia was a large state, and New Jersey was a small state. Surprise!)

# The Constitution Solution



**Legislative:**  
Makes laws



**Divide Congress Into Two Houses**



**Executive:**  
Carries out laws

**Judicial:**  
Interprets laws

Senate	House of Representatives
Each state gets 2 votes.	The more people the state has, the more votes it gets!

# QUICK QUIZ!



## **THE CONSTITUTION SOLUTION**





# Think About It

The Articles required states to treat citizens from other states the same as their own citizens.

- True
- False



# Think About It

The Constitution requires each state to treat \_\_\_\_\_ of other states the \_\_\_\_\_ as it treats its own citizens.



# Think About It

How many states had to agree in order for the Articles of Confederation to be changed?

- All states
- A majority of states



# Think About It

The Constitution can be  
changed if

\_\_\_\_\_ of the  
members of Congress and  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the  
states agree.



# Think About It

The Articles of Confederation required states to follow the laws Congress passed.

- True
- False



# Think About It

The Constitution says  
that the laws passed by  
Congress are  
\_\_\_\_\_ to laws  
passed by the \_\_\_\_\_.



# Think About It

Under the  
Constitution, laws are  
made by the \_\_\_\_\_  
branch.

A

executive

B

legislative



# Think About It

Under the  
Constitution, laws  
passed by Congress  
are \_\_\_\_\_ to state laws.

A

superior

B

inferior





# Think About It

Under the  
Constitution, Congress  
has \_\_\_\_\_.

A

1 chamber

B

2 chambers



# Think About It

Under the  
Constitution, each  
state gets two votes  
in the \_\_\_\_\_.

A

House of  
Representatives

B

Senate



# Think About It

Under the Constitution, the number of votes each state gets in the House of Representatives is based on its \_\_\_\_\_.

A

Population

B

Taxes



# Think About It

Under the Constitution,  
a change to the  
Constitution must be  
approved by \_\_\_\_\_.

A

All States

B

$\frac{3}{4}$  of States

# QUICK QUIZ!



## **ARTICLES VS. CONSTITUTION**



# Articles, Constitution or Both?

Decide whether each statement applies to the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, or both.

- A) Created a president
- B) Created a government
- C) Had one branch of government
- D) Had enough power to do its job
- E) Created a court system
- F) Gave large and small states the same power
- G) Created a Congress
- H) Compromised between large and small states
- I) Created a military
- J) Didn't let Congress enforce its laws

