

**Chapter 1 - "Were the Compromises at the Constitutional Convention Fair?"**  
**Section 2 - "The Articles of Confederation" - pages 10-13**

Name:

Hour:

TERMS, PLACES, PEOPLE

1. Ratify:

2. Confederation:

3. Rebellion:

4. Arsenal:

Close Reading

1. Why would the colonists want a weak central government?

2. List the powers given to the central government under the Articles of Confederation.

3. Explain why money/currency was a problem under the Articles of Confederation.

4. Why was the fact that each state had only one vote a potential problem?

5. Interactive 1.3 - Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Use the correct Letter in the "Choice" column to complete the the chart.

<u>Weakness</u>	<u>Outcome</u>	<u>Choice</u>
Congress had no power to levy or collect taxes		<b>A.</b> Congress had no power to enforce laws
	Quarrels broke out among states and trading with other countries was difficult	<b>B.</b> Congress had no power to regulate foreign trade
	The government depended on the states for law enforcement	<b>C.</b> Each state had one vote
Approval of nine states was needed to enact laws		<b>D.</b> It was difficult to enact laws
	Large states felt that small states had too much of a say in govt. It was unfair.	<b>E.</b> There was no national court system
The government had no executive branch		<b>F.</b> There was no effective way to coordinate the work of government
	The central government had no way to settle disputes among the states	<b>G.</b> The government was always short of money

6. What were **three** important accomplishments passed under the Articles of Confederation and **why were they important?**



7. Think about why the Articles of Confederation did not work for the citizens. How could citizens let the government know a change needed to happen? (3-4 complete sentences)

8. Explain why Daniel Shays led a rebellion against the government and how the government could not help him and his group under the Articles of Confederation.

QUESTIONS TO GUIDE INQUIRY - When writing your answer/opinion use **specific details** from the reading.

1. Why did the Articles of Confederation not work for the US?

2. How did the internal conflicts that the US faced lead to a new government?