

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

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