Articles of Confederation Notes

Definition: The Articles of Confederation was the first written plan of government for the United States. A “confederation” is a group of states who cooperate for common purposes, but are not strongly united.

Under the Articles of Confederation the government had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch of government. The legislative branch was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Confederation and had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ house.

**Under the Articles of Confederation Congress had the following powers:**

a. Ask each of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help run the government.

b. Able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war.

c. Able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the relations between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

d. Arrange for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ service.

e. Manage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ affairs.

f. Borrow money for necessary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_expenses.

g. Help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disputes between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Slow acceptance of the Articles of Confederation**

States with no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ claims west of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mountains initially refused to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Articles of Confederation because the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

states were afraid that states with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ claims west of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mountains would become more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To solve this problem it was decided to make all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ west of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mountains

common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_belonging to the country and that the country would be in charge

of dividing and selling this land.

Weaknesses of the Confederation

**Raising Money**

The government could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the states- they could only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for money.

States usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay the requested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or would only send a

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ amount.

The result was that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was always in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and never had enough

money to run the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Organizing army and navy**

Congress had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each state to send troops.

Congress did not have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In fact they still owed

soldiers money from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War.

The result was that without a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Congress could not

enforce the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Confederation.

Without money Congress could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an army.

**Relations with other nations**

The United States lost the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of other nations.

The United States owed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money, but couldn’t even afford to pay the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on those loans.

**Controlling trade**

The United States couldn’t control \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the states because each state had it’s own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about trade that caused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the states.

**Printing and coining money**

Congress \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coin money, however the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could also coin money and would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_accept other states’ money.

**Settling quarrels between the states**

Congress was suppose to be able to settle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but had no real \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do so.

**Critical situation in 1785**

a. People were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Trade was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Men openly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their governments.

d. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was growing everywhere in the United States.

e. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ abroad.

f. The states were constantly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among themselves.