



Articles of Confederation Quiz

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1. Which of the following was established by the Declaration of Independence?

- a. A new country
- b. A representative government
- c. A monetary system
- d. The right to vote

2. What factor convinced the framers of the Articles of Confederation to create a weak central government?

- a. The division between revolutionaries and loyalists
- b. Distrust between Northern and Southern states
- c. The states' unwillingness to limit their own authority
- d. Cultural differences between Americans and Europeans

3. Under the Articles of Confederation, which power was held exclusively by the national government?

- a. Taxation
- b. Trade
- c. The court system
- d. Declaring war

4. Under the Articles of Confederation, why might one state tax goods manufactured in another state? Choose the best answer.

- a. To weaken the money issued by the federal government
- b. To encourage people to buy locally-produced goods
- c. To prevent people from buying European goods on the black market
- d. To finance the U.S. Army

5. To pass a new law in the Confederation Congress, you needed:

- a. 51 percent of the delegates to agree
- b. Two-thirds of the delegates to agree
- c. Nine-thirteenths of the delegates to agree
- d. 100 percent of the delegates to agree

6. The biggest obstacle facing the Continental Congress was:

- a. Enforcing laws
- b. Passing laws
- c. Writing laws
- d. Nullifying laws

7. What can you infer about Daniel Shays from the rebellion named after him?

- a. He supported a strong national government
- b. He worked in a factory
- c. He fought for Britain in the Revolution
- d. He was not a wealthy landowner

8. Place the following events in sequence: A) Declaration of Independence is signed; B) Shays' Rebellion; C) Articles of Confederation are written; D) Revolutionary War ends.

- a. C, A, B, D
- b. A, C, D, B
- c. A, B, D, C
- d. C, B, A, D

9. Shays' Rebellion convinced American leaders that little protected them from anarchy. What's the best synonym for "anarchy?"

- a. Disorder
- b. Invasion
- c. Economic depression
- d. Violence

10. What phrase best describes a federalist system of government?

- a. Unchecked federal authority
- b. Individual liberties
- c. Balance of power
- d. Voluntary association