

Grade 7
Forming a Government
Chapter 5 Study Guide

What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

Leaders & the Law
Suffrage
Branches of Government
Powers of Congress
Powers of the States
Decision regarding the Northwest Territory

What were some of the political challenges the new United States faced, and how effective was the Articles of Confederation in solving them?

Great Britain and tariffs
Great Britain and the Northwest Forts
Spain and trade

What were some of the economic challenges the new United States faced, and how effective was the Articles of Confederation in solving them?

Trade between the states
War debts
Inflation/depression

Why did Shays's Rebellion take place? How did it prove the weakness of the Articles of Confederation?

Taxes on land
Protesting the Courts

What compromises were made at the Constitutional Convention?

Virginia Plan
New Jersey Plan
Great Compromise
Three-fifths Compromise

What are the functions of the three branches of the Federal Government? How does each branch check and balance the other two.

Executive Branch

Legislative Branch

Judicial Branch

Laws

Veto

Unconstitutional

Checks and Balances

What powers did the states lose to the new Federal government under the Constitution?

Interstate Commerce

Coin Money

Federal (National) Defense

Federal (National) Taxes

Why did the Antifederalists oppose the new Constitution, and therefore the Federalists?

Power of the Central (National/Federal Government)

Individual Rights

Bill of Rights