**Outline and Summary of the Articles of Confederation**

Article I: The name of the new confederacy is “The United States of America”

Article II: Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, independence, and every power not specifically granted to the new Congress.

Article III: This confederacy is a “league of friendship” among the states for

\*common defense

\*securing their liberties

\*their shared welfare

They will protect each other from attack.

Article IV: All free inhabitants of the different states (except paupers, vagabonds, and fugitives from justice) are entitled to the same privileges and immunities that the inhabitants of each state have. For example, people can come and go freely among the states, may trade in all the states, must pay the same taxes and follow the laws within each state.

Any person who commits a crime in one state and flees to another must be returned to the state he fled from.

Each state must respect the records, acts, and judicial proceedings of the other states.

Article V: To manage the shared (national ) interests of the states, they will send 2 – 7 delegates each year to meet in Congress. No one can be a delegate for more than three of every six years. Each state delegation has one vote in Congress (so all members from a state must agree on their vote). At least nine states is required for a vote to pass in Congress. State may call their delegates home at any time or substitute people to stand in for a delegate.

Members of Congress have free speech in Congress or outside it and are also not subject to arrest or imprisonment unless they commit treason, a felony, or a breach of the peace.

Article VI: Limits on State Powers

\*States may not send an embassy or make an alliance or treaty with another country.

\*U.S. officials may not receive presents, offices, or titles from another government.

\*Neither states nor Congress may grant titles of nobility.

\*No two or more states may make a treaty or alliance with each other without consulting Congress.

\*No state may impose taxes that interfere with existing treaties or proposed treaties with France or Spain.

\*No state may keep a standing army or navy except to garrison forts; but every state must keep up a well-regulated and disciplined militia.

\*No state may engage in a war without consent of the Congress unless it is actually invaded or if it is about to be invaded by Indians.

Article VII: When a state raises an army for national defense, all officers ranked colonel or below will be appointed by the state legislature.

Article VIII: Costs of war or other national expenses will be paid from a common treasury. Each state will pay into the treasury in proportion to the value of land in that state.

Article IX: Powers of the United States in Congress Assembled

\*Congress has the sole and exclusive right to wage war and peace;

\*send & receive ambassadors from other countries

\*enter into treaties or alliances with other countries

\*decide how captured prizes in war will be divided;

\*appoint courts for dealing with crimes on the high sea and for captured prizes.

\*Congress is also the court of last resort in case of a dispute between states.

\*Congress also has the sole and exclusive right to regulate the value of coins;

\*regulate affairs and trade with Indians outside individual states;

\*establish and regulate post offices;

\*make rules to govern army and navy.

\*Congress may appoint a committee to serve as an executive when it is in recess.

\*determine how much money the Congress needs

\*borrow money

\*build and equip a navy;

\*arrange to develop an army based on quotas from each states (states must raise and equip the officers and men).

\*Congress must never act on these matters without the consent of at least nine states.

Article X: The executive committee, which operates when Congress is in recess, may be given any of these powers as long as they don’t act without the consent of at least nine states.

Article XI: Canada may join this Union. Any other colony wishing to join must be agreed on by at least nine states.

Article XII: The new United States will be responsible for all debts that Congress contracted before these articles were signed.

Article XIII: Every state will respect the decisions of the United States in Congress assembled. The Union will be perpetual. No changes may be made to these articles unless Congress agrees and every state legislature also agrees.

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Articles of Confederation

***Directions: Read the Articles of Confederation and answer the following questions.***

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| **Why did the states agree to be part of a “league of friendship”?**#1 |  |
| **How are the states supposed to treat people from other states?**#2 |  |
| **How does voting in Congress work?**#3 |  |
| **What can a state NOT do with other countries?**#4 |  |
| **What military rights do states have? What military rights do states NOT have?** #5 |  |
| **How does Congress get money?** **#6** |  |
| **What rights military rights does the United States Congress have?****#7** |  |
| **What can the United States Congress do with other countries?****#8** |  |
| **What financial rights does the United States Congress have?****#9** |  |
| **How can other colonies join the Union?****#10** |  |
| **How can the Articles of Confederation be changed?** **#11** |  |
| **What does Article II do? What do you think this means?****#12** |  |

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Government under the Articles of Confederation Notes

**1. Why did the states agree to be part of a league of friendship?**

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**2. How are the states supposed to treat people from other states?**

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**3. How does voting work?**

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**4. What can a state NOT do with other countries?**

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**5. What military rights do states have?**

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**6. How does Congress get money?**

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**7. What military rights does the United States Congress have?**

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**8. What can Congress do with other countries?**

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**9. What financial rights does the United States Congress have?**

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**10. How can other states join the Union?**

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**11. How can the Articles of Confederation be changed?**

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**Exit Slip: What do you think are the problems with the Articles of Confederation? What improvements would you suggest? 4-5 SENTENCES!!!!**

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Government under the Articles of Confederation Notes

**1. Why did the states agree to be part of a league of friendship?**

* Common defense -More troops and resources if they are united
	+ share welfare- Look out for each other, Securing their liberties (freedom)

**2. How are the states supposed to treat people from other states?**

* All people (except homeless and criminals) have same rights in every state
	+ Travel between states freely
	+ Trade in all states
	+ Same taxes & laws
* criminals
	+ Must be returned to state’s they fled from
	+ Must respect decisions of courts in other states

**3. How does voting work?**

* States send 2-7 delegates to Congress
* Each state gets 1 vote (all state delegates must agree)
* At least 9 states are required for a vote to pass (9/13)-since its so difficult to pass laws individual states have more legislative power than Congress
* States can call their delegates home at any time

**4. What can a state NOT do with other countries?**

* Not send an embassy, make an alliance, or sign a treaty with another country
* Cannot receive presents, offices, or titles from another government

**5. What military rights do states have?**

* Cannot have an army or navy (but can have a militia)
* Cannot go to war without permission of Congress

**6. How does Congress get money?**

* States give money to common treasury
	+ NO TAXES!!!! Since no taxes states have financial power over Congress

**7. What military rights does the United States Congress have?**

* Right to declare war and peace
* Handles disputes between states
* Create army and navy-Must borrow money from states so states have financial power over Congress’ ability to have and maintain an army
* Decide how war prizes will be divided

**8. What can Congress do with other countries?**

* Send and receive ambassadors
* Make treaties and alliances

**9. What financial rights does the United States Congress have?**

* Regulate the value of coins
* Borrow money from states and other countries
* Also in charge of post office

**10. How can other states join the Union?**

* Must be agreed on by at least 9 states

**11. How can the Articles of Confederation be changed?**

* All states must agree

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|  | **WHAT** | **WHY IMPORTANT** |
| **Land Ordinance of 1785** | * Divided land into townships
* Gave government land to sell
* Gave land for public schools
 | Organized land for western expansion  |
| **Land Ordinance of 1787** | * Made laws for how western territory could become new states
* Limited slavery in west
 | Made it possible for our country to grow by allowing new states  |
| **Shay’s Rebellion** | * Farmer’s in MA rebelled against taxes
* Closed courts and tried to seize weapons at Federal Arsenal in Springport
* Eventually captured, 2 hung and 12 pardoned
 | Showed that our government was not strong enough to protect citizens again violence, rebellion, or war and needed a stronger government  |

**Questions:**

**1. Explain why population size caused arguments about voting under the Articles of Confederation.**

**2. Give two examples of things states disagreed about under the Articles of Confederation.**

**3. Explain how Shay’s Rebellion made the Articles of Confederation look weak.**

**4. Explain why early Americans created such a weak national government.**