

THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION NOTES  
A Loose Confederation- Government of the Early United States

State Government:

- After the U.S. declared \_\_\_\_\_, states started writing \_\_\_\_\_
- Some states included a \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

First Constitution:

- March 1, 1781: the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was ratified by all \_\_\_\_\_ states
- A loose \_\_\_\_\_ of 13 \_\_\_\_\_ states with one branch of government- a \_\_\_\_\_ branch
- Each state has one vote

Under the Articles:

Congress could:

- Declare \_\_\_\_\_
- Appoint military \_\_\_\_\_
- Coin \_\_\_\_\_

Congress was limited by:

- \*Hard to pass a law; 9 of 13 states must \_\_\_\_\_
- \*Could not \_\_\_\_\_ trade
- \*No power to \_\_\_\_\_
- \*No \_\_\_\_\_ branch (leader)
- \*No \_\_\_\_\_ branch (courts)

Problems after the Revolution:

- \_\_\_\_\_ between states
- Debt; printing too much money – Continental dollar bills “not worth a \_\_\_\_\_”
- NO \_\_\_\_\_ from other countries

Northwest Territory:

- Land Ordinance of 1785 - law setting up a system for \_\_\_\_\_ the Northwest Territory

Northwest Ordinance of 1787 (Allowed territories to be admitted as \_\_\_\_\_ states)

Steps to Statehood:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ appoints governor, secretary and judges to \_\_\_\_\_ the territory
2. When territory has \_\_\_\_\_ free adult \_\_\_\_\_, they may elect a \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total \_\_\_\_\_ population of 60,000 may write a \_\_\_\_\_ and submit to Congress for \_\_\_\_\_

Shays' Rebellion 1787

- Country falls into a \_\_\_\_\_
- Many farmers could not \_\_\_\_\_ from Revolution and had farms taken from them
- Daniel Shays, a Revolutionary War veteran, led a \_\_\_\_\_ of farmers in \_\_\_\_\_
- Militia ends \_\_\_\_\_
- Signals need for a \_\_\_\_\_