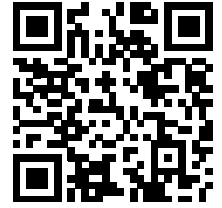


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The First Constitution of the United States



The Articles of Confederation were the first _____ of the United States. They were created during the American _____ to unify the thirteen colonies. The Articles established a weak central government with limited _____. The central government could not collect taxes, which made it difficult to raise funds. Each _____ retained its sovereignty and independence. The Articles required the approval of all thirteen states to make _____. This made it hard to adapt to new challenges.

The central government could declare _____, make treaties, and handle foreign affairs. However, it could not enforce its own _____. States often acted independently, creating conflicts and economic _____. The lack of a strong central authority led to problems like Shays' Rebellion. This was an uprising of _____ against high taxes and debt. It highlighted the weaknesses of the Articles and the need for a stronger _____.

The Articles of Confederation did have some successes. They helped win the Revolutionary _____ and negotiated the Treaty of Paris in 1783. The Articles also established the Northwest _____, which set the process for admitting new states. Despite these successes, the Articles were eventually replaced by the _____ in 1789. This new constitution created a stronger federal government to better address the nation's _____.

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