



Articles of Confederation → U.S. Constitution Match Up Activity

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Benchmark

SS.7.C.1.5: Identify how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the Constitution.

Activity

Students will use images and words chunks on cards to make connections about how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation were fixed with the writing of the United States Constitution.

Materials

- * Matching cards – one set per student or pairs of students. Cards will need to be cut out before the start of class.
- * Graphic Organizer

Instructions

1. Pass out the graphic organizer, one per student.
2. Place students into pairs or have them work individually.
3. Explain to students that their task is to take their cards and place each one in the correct spot on their graphic organizer. Have students consider the question - Is the card an example of a weakness of the Articles of Confederation or a quote or image related to the U.S. Constitution that shows how to fix the weakness? Once they have placed their cards, be sure to check their answers. Then, have students create their own related image and write an explanation of how their image relates to either the weakness in the Articles of Confederation or the 'fix' in the U.S. Constitution.

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Date: _____

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<p>Congress had no power to tax</p>	<p>The national government lacked a national court system</p>	<p>Amendments to the Articles of Confederation required unanimous consent of the 13 state legislatures</p>	<p>The national government lacked strong leadership</p>
<p>There was no chief executive to manage the national government.</p>	<p>Congress could not make laws about goods coming into the country</p>	<p><i>“Article 1, Section 8: The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts, and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States”</i></p>	<p><i>“Article 1, Section 8: The Congress shall have Power.. To regulate Commerce foreign Nations, and among the several States”</i></p>
<p><i>“Article III, Section 1: The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Article III, Section 3: ... he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed...”</i></p>	<p><i>“Article II, Section 1: The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Article V: The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution...”</i></p>