

Objective: To examine the Revolution/Causes and effects of the Articles of Confederation. **USHC 1.3 & 1.4**



The Continental Army had many problems and few advantages. However, the Continentals did have at least one important advantage.

Making an Analogy: Use the standings from the Central division of the NBA to figure out what major advantage the Continental Army enjoyed during the Revolutionary War. Make a comparison!

TEAM	W	L	HOME	ROAD
Cleveland	26	14	15-4	11-10
Milwaukee	21	18	13-7	8-11
Detroit	21	18	13-5	8-13
Indiana	21	19	13-9	8-10
Chicago	14	27	9-11	5-16

Advantages

Disadvantages

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- Trained and experienced soldiers
- Plentiful weapons and supplies
- Most powerful Navy in the world

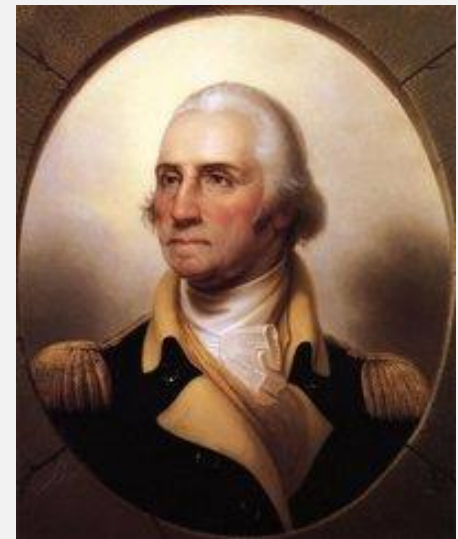
- Away from home
- Less motivation
- Always surrounded



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- Fighting for homes and freedom
- George Washington
- Help from France and Spain

- No Navy
- Untrained Soldiers
- Few Weapons

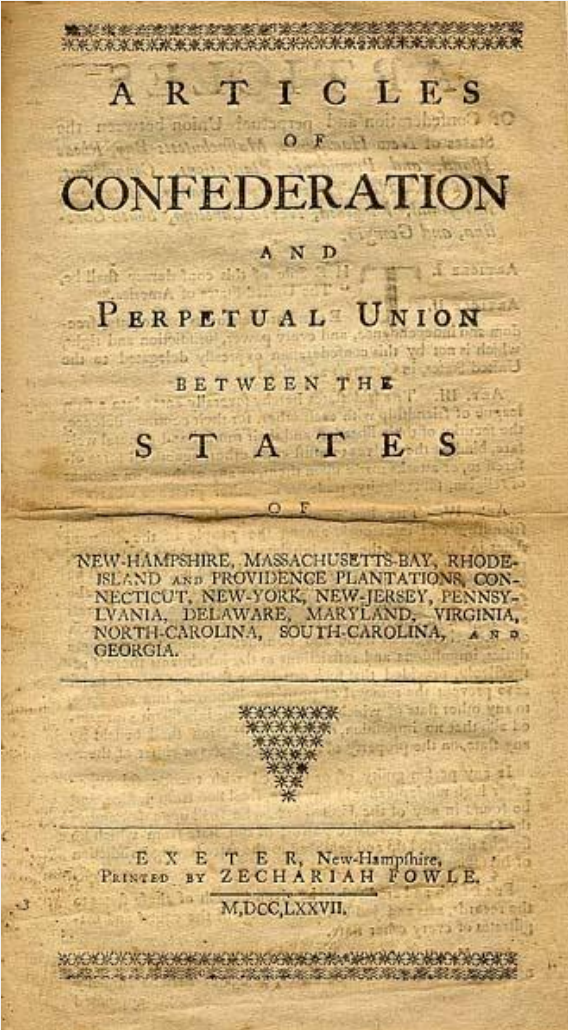


Naval Strength: Allies vs. Britain

Year	French	Spanish	Dutch	American	Total Allied	British
1778	52	—	—	0	52	66
1779	63	58	—	0	121	90
1780	69	48	—	0	117	95
1781	70	54	13	0	137	94
1782	73	54	19	0	146	94

The Articles of Confederation (1781-1789) - first central government of the United States

Congress had very limited powers on purpose – fear of a king



POWERS GRANTED BY THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

- Congress could raise armies
- Congress could declare war
- Congress could sign treaties

POWERS WITHHELD BY THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

- Congress could not raise revenue through taxes
- Congress could not regulate trade and collect tariffs



This is metaphorical...

United States of America

**Articles of
Confederation**

Northwest Ordinance (1787)

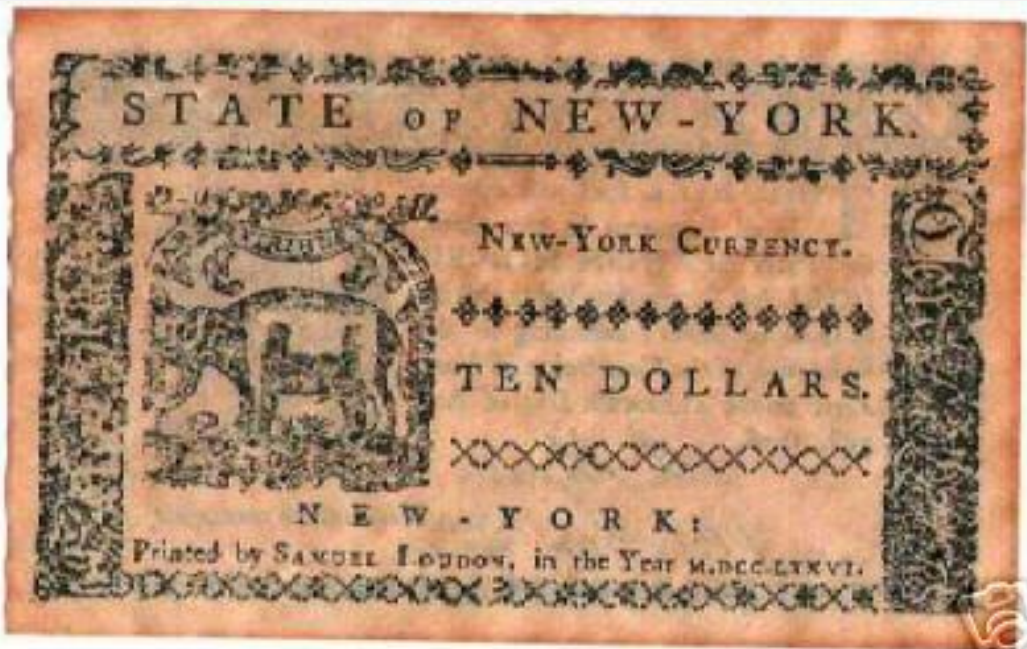
- When 5,000 free males of voting age settled an area, it became self-governing.
- When the population reached 60,000 free citizens, the area could apply for statehood.
Ex.) OH, IN, IL, MI, WI
- Slavery was outlawed.



Why did the Articles of Confederation fail?

I. Currency Issues

- No common currency.
- States, Federal, and Foreign money was used



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II. Debt

- Congress could not tax the people
- No money = U.S. can't pay its debts!

Examples:

- U.S. owed France & Spain for loans made during the Revolutionary War & owed money to US soldiers

Shays' Rebellion

- Farmer's income decreased while taxes increased.
- Farmers who could not pay their debts had their farms taken away by the courts.

Therefore, in 1786, Daniel Shays led a group of farmers in an attempt to capture a federal arsenal.



- The U.S., without an organized army, was powerless. Massachusetts sent a militia to stop the rebellion.



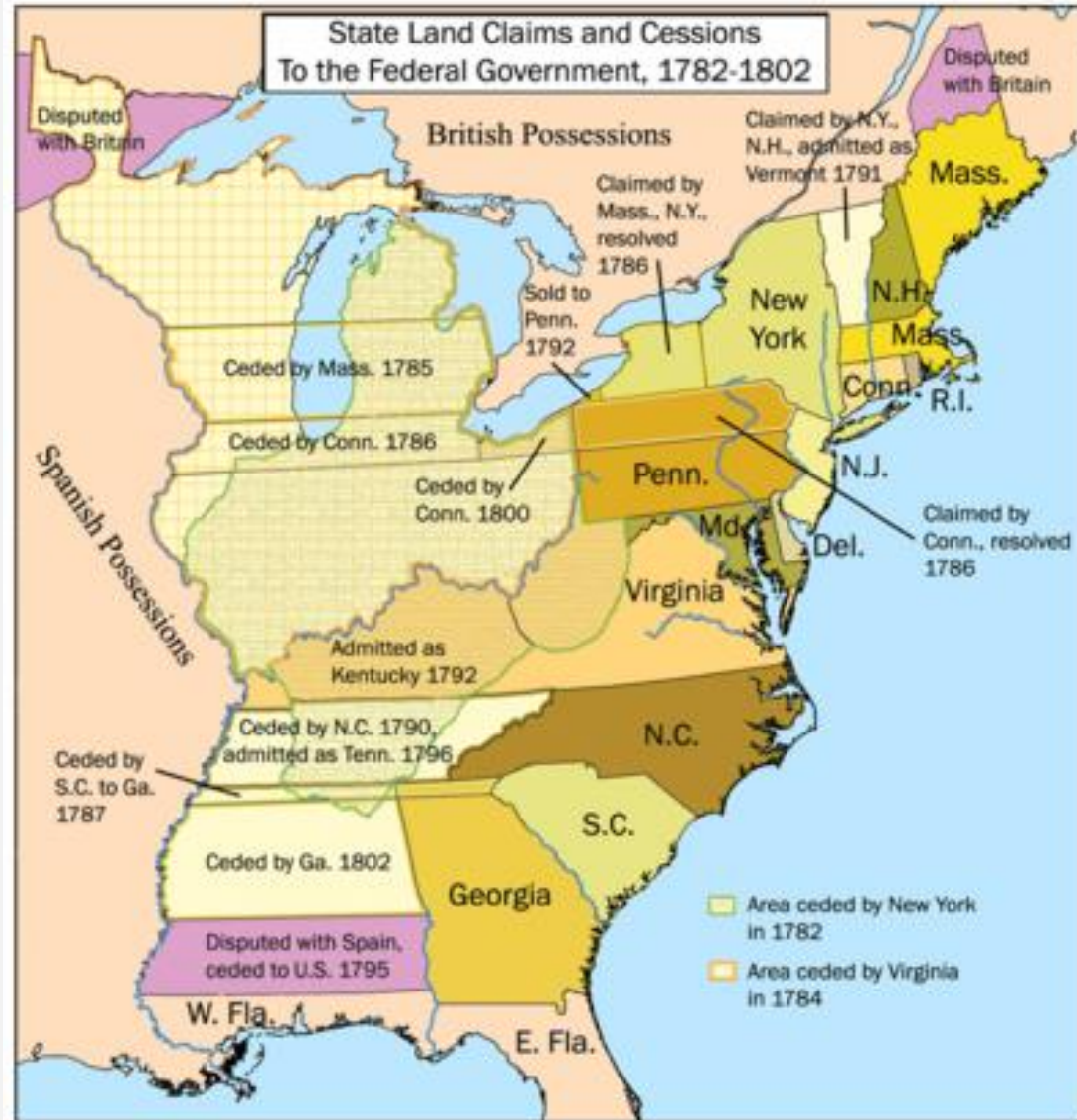
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III. International and Domestic Problems

- The U.S. lacked military power
- States acted like countries

Example:

- Shay's Rebellion – proved that the federal government could not deal with problems



- Shays' Rebellion convinced many people that the U.S. needed a new, stronger government.
- The Articles of Confederation needed to be replaced!

