

The Articles of Confederation & Shay's Rebellion

Inquiry: Did the Articles of Confederation provide the United States with an effective government?

The Articles of Confederation (adopted Nov. 1777, ratified Mar. 1781)- The first _____ of the United States; created a national government with _____ powers

Features:

- Congress- national assembly created by A.O.C.
- Each state= ___ vote
- Delegates selected annually, limited to term of 3 years out of 6
- President of Congress- limited to 1 year out of 3
- Major decisions would require _____ votes
- Amendments required vote of _____ states

Strengths of the AoC

Congress COULD:

- Conduct _____
- Establish coinage
- Maintain _____
- Regulate trade with American Indian nations
- Final authority in disputes between states
- Establish a national postal system

What was Congress under the AoC successful in doing?

Land Ordinance of 1785 – paste here

- Provided for the _____ of Western lands using an ordered _____ (division of land into townships)
 - Revenue from the sale of the _____ of land in each township would be reserved for establishment of _____

Northwest Ordinance of 1787 – paste here

- Established a system of _____ for the territory north of the _____; provided a model for _____ of future _____ into the Union as _____
 - _____ prohibited north of the Ohio River

Weaknesses of the AoC

Congress COULD NOT:

- _____ citizens
- _____ soldiers
- Enforce laws (No executive branch)
- Interpret laws (No judicial branch)

How else was Congress limited under the AoC?

What were some of the economic problems the new republic faced in the 1780s?

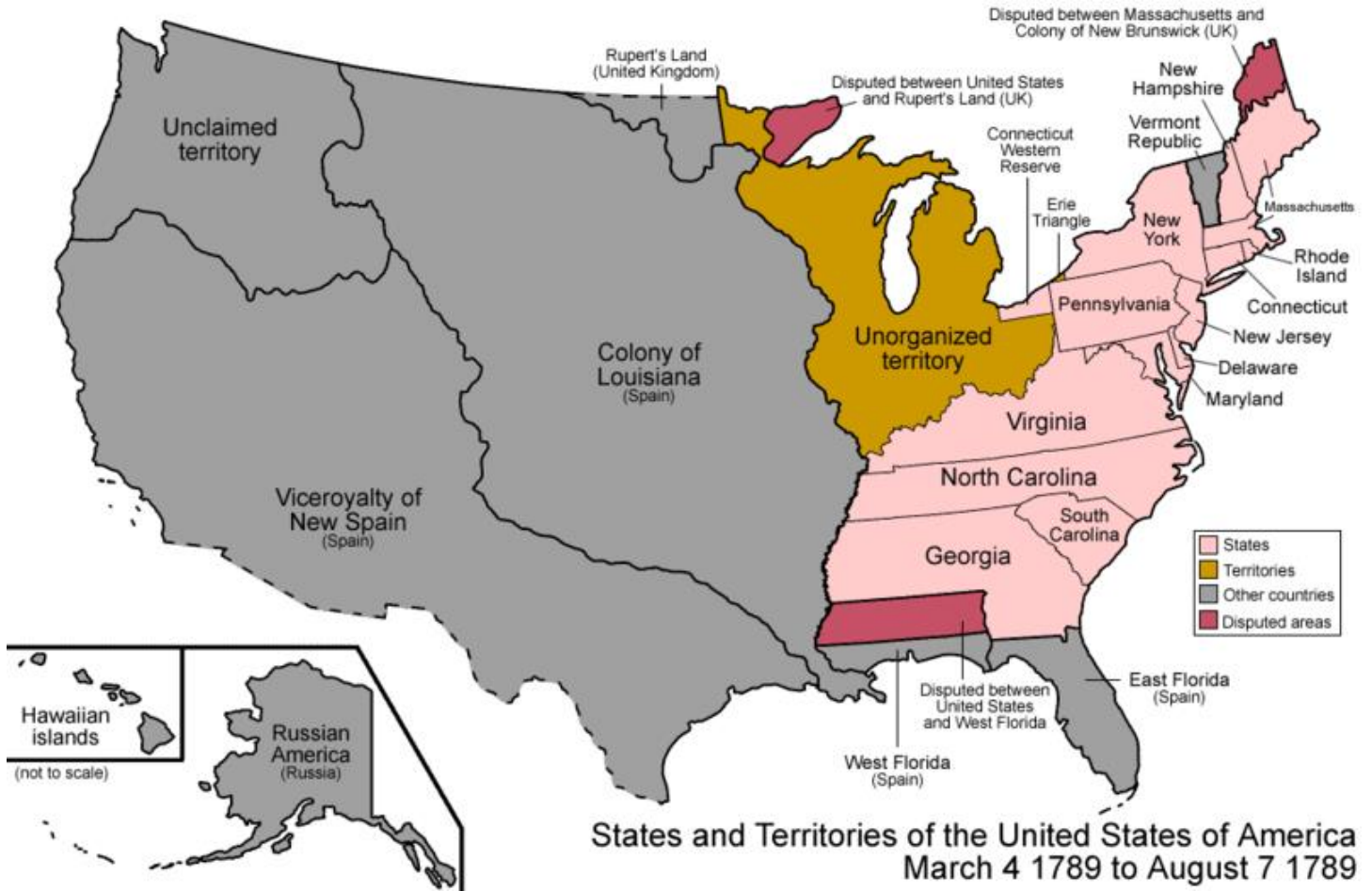
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- Impoverished _____ in Massachusetts were losing their land because they did not have enough hard currency to repay their _____ to _____ and bankers.
- Led by a former captain of the Continental Army named _____, desperate and armed farmers rebelled.
- The Massachusetts state legislature and the national Congress were unable to _____ to stop Shays. The insurrection was eventually crushed.
- **However, this demonstrated the need for:**

...and led to:

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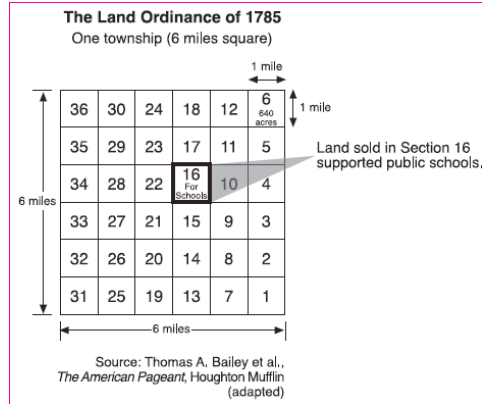


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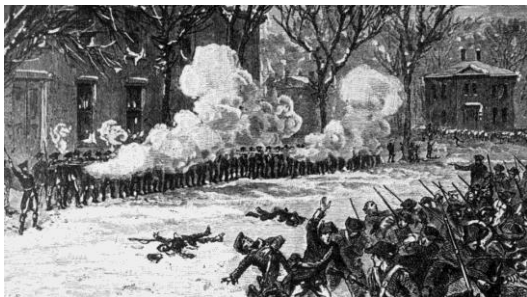


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