

Articles of Confederation



Essential Questions



- During what time period did the Articles of Confederation exist?
- What are the main defining characteristics of the Articles of Confederation?
- What are the Articles of Confederation's strengths and weaknesses?
- How would you rate the overall effectiveness of the Articles of Confederation?
- How did the Articles of Confederation impact the various groups of society differently at the time of its existence?
- What major characteristics of the Articles of Confederation resulted in its demise and inspired the framers to create the Constitution?

Primary Document Analysis (PDA)



- You get 30 minutes to complete PDA.
- Answer each question fully and use all space given, where appropriate.
- <http://ourdocuments.gov/index.php?flash=true&>

Graphic Organizer



- Groups will work to complete graphic organizer.
- On the Graphic Organizer, groups will summarize each section of the Articles of Confederation and think about possible conflicts that could be in each section.
- At the end of class, each group will share one possible problem that could have arisen out of the Articles of Confederation.

Problems?



- Why could this potentially be a problem?
- Would this potential issue compound into other problems?
- What groups of society would this issue potentially impact?
- Does the problem identified have a simple solution or need a complete overhaul? Explain.

R.A.F.T. Writing



- Role
- Audience
- Format
- Topic

Roles



- State's rights supporter
- Big government supporter
- Southern farmer
- Northern upper class intellectual
- Woman
- Minority

Audience



- An immigrant moving to the newly independent America.

Format



- Letter

Topic



- *Based on your identity summarize how the Articles of Confederation would have affected you and your family and explain whether you would have supported keeping the Articles of Confederation, simple revision to the articles, or getting rid of the articles completely?*