

## THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

Articles of Confederation and permanent union among the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

**Article I:** The new nation will be called “The United States of America.”

**Article II:** All states are independent from one another. The state governments will have all powers that are not specifically given to the national Congress.

**Article III:** The states agree to have friendly relationships. They will defend one another in times of trouble and protect their shared rights and joint welfare.

**Article IV:** To maintain friendly relations among the states, all free citizens can move among the states and conduct business without extra taxes. If **fugitives** from one state are living in another state, they should be sent back to face trial. All records and court rulings applying to individuals in one state shall be accepted by all other states.

**Article V:** Every year, state **legislatures** will send representatives to the national Congress. Each state shall send no less than two and no more than seven **delegates**, and each state will have only one vote in Congress.

**Article VI:** No state can enter into a formal **alliance** with any foreign power. Two or more states cannot enter into their own **treaty**. States cannot have standing armies or navies without Congress’s approval. Unless invaded, no state shall wage war without permission from Congress.

**Article VII:** In war-time, states will appoint all officers under the rank of colonel and maintain their armies.

**Article VIII:** To pay for war, states will receive money from the national **Treasury** in proportion to the amount of land they own. The state legislatures will collect the taxes needed to fund the **Treasury**.

**Article IX:** The national Congress will have the power to:

- Declare war
- Negotiate foreign **treaties**
- Settle disputes between states
- Direct land and naval forces
- Borrow money from the states

Congress cannot carry out any decision unless nine of the thirteen states agree. Congress will have a president to organize debate for a one-year term.

**Article X:** The states will be given the power to run the United States when Congress isn’t meeting.

**Article XI:** Canada will be allowed into the United States. Any other colony requesting admission will need nine votes in Congress.

**Article XII:** Congress will repay any money borrowed from individual states during the Revolution.

**Article XIII:** All states agree to abide by the Articles of Confederation. To **amend** the Articles, Congress and all of the state **legislatures** must **unanimously** agree.

<p><b>Fugitive:</b> Escaped criminal <b>Legislatures:</b> Law making body of a country <b>Delegates:</b> Representatives <b>Alliance:</b> An association between countries <b>Treaty:</b> A deal <b>Treasury:</b> Money of the government <b>Amend:</b> Change <b>Unanimously:</b> Everyone</p>
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**Directions: Determine whether each article gives power to the states or the federal government. What power is given? Or what does article say has to be done?**

<b>State Government</b>		<b>Federal Government</b>	
<b>Article #:</b>	<b>Powers/ What does the article say needs to be done?</b>	<b>Article #:</b>	<b>Powers/ What does the article say needs to be done?</b>
<b>Where the Articles of Confederation a good form of government? Why or Why not?</b>			