

# Guided Reading

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## A More Perfect Union

### Lesson 1 *The Articles of Confederation*

*Chapter 7 p. 176-183*

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

*Why do people form governments?*

## The Making of a Republic

**Answering Questions** As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. **Listing** List four powers of the government under the Articles of Confederation.  
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2. **Explaining** Explain whether the Confederation government was strong or weak in the area of trade relations.  
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3. **Explaining** What kind of military force did the Confederation government have?  
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4. **Identifying** What kind of government is a republic?  
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5. **Specifying** Under the Articles, how many states had to approve a new law?  
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6. **Explaining** Why did the Continental Congress have difficulty raising money?  
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**Listing** In each numbered part of the chart, write one provision of each land ordinance.

Person or Thing	Important Fact
Ordinance of 1785	1.
Northwest Ordinance	2.
Land Act of 1800	3.

**4. Specifying** How were townships divided under the Ordinance of 1785?

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**5. Explaining** What was the purpose of the bill of rights in the Northwest Ordinance?

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**6. Analyzing** What was the importance of the Northwest Ordinance?

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**7. Predicting** How do you think the Northwest Ordinance affected Native Americans?

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**Reading for Accuracy** Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Money printed during the American Revolution increased in value.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The war left Congress in debt.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Congress had paid soldiers in full for military service in the war.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Congress lacked the power to tax and couldn't pay its debts.]

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Robert Morris proposed a 10 percent tax on imported goods to help pay the national debt.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. One problem the new American government had was that the British were keeping Americans out of the West Indies and other important British markets.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Spain opened the lower Mississippi River to American shipping.

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