

The Articles of Confederation

Government Structure

- Congress- sole body (_____)
- No _____ branch
- A “presiding officer” would be chosen from within as a leader
- Civil officers appointed by _____

Powers of Congress

- Make _____ and _____
- Send and receive _____
- Make _____
- Borrow money & set up _____ system
- Build _____
- Raise an _____ by asking _____ for troops

State Obligations

- By agreeing to the Articles states had to:
 - Provide _____
 - Send _____ when requested
 - Comply with acts of _____
 - Treat _____ of other states fairly
 - Surrender _____ from justice
 - Open travel and _____ between states

Weaknesses

- Congress did not have power to _____
- Congress could not regulate _____
- No _____ branch
- States could print their own _____
- Could not make the _____ follow the Articles
- ALL _____ states had to agree to change the document

The Critical Period

- Each state was eager to run its own _____
- Foreign _____ hesitant to deal with a government with so little power
- US owed over _____ to foreign countries for the war
- The Confederation Congress had no power to raise money to pay debts
- Different state _____ limits trade

Meeting at Annapolis

- Leaders demand that something be done to make the central government stronger
- Joint meeting of all states called in Annapolis in 1786
- Only _____ states attended
- Conference calls for a convention of ALL states in _____ the next summer