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## The Articles of Confederation (1777)

### A. Discover:

1. Who wrote the Articles of Confederation?
2. Was the government created by the Articles intended to be weak or strong? \*Why\*?
3. The Articles created a confederation form of government. How is the confederation different from the type of government we have today?

B. Decode: What was “declared” in the Declaration of Independence? Read the original version of the Articles in the table below then match each of the bullet points to the correct section.

- Each state will treat citizens of different states just like citizens of their own states
- Each state will work together defend against attacks or invasions
- Every state government is independent and free from the national government
- States can't make agreements with foreign nations
- The Articles of Confederation was created after independence was declared

Original Version	Simplified Modern Version
Whereas the Delegates of the United States of America in Congress assembled did on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy seven, and in the Second Year of the Independence of America agree to certain articles of Confederation and perpetual Union	
Article II. Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence, and every Power, Jurisdiction and right, which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled.	
Article III. The said states hereby severally enter into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security of their Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding themselves to assist each other, against all force offered to, or attacks made upon them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other pretence whatever.	
Article IV. The better to secure and perpetuate mutual friendship and intercourse among the people of the different states in this union, the free inhabitants of each of these states, paupers, vagabonds and fugitives from Justice excepted, shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of free citizens in the several states;	
Article VI. No State, without the Consent of the united States, in congress assembled, shall send any embassy to, or receive any embassy from, or enter into any conference, agreement, alliance, or treaty, with any King prince or state;	