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**Establishing the New Nation**  
**Content Review: Topic 4 Lesson 1:**  
**The Articles of Confederation**

*Directions:* Answer the questions as you read about the early efforts to create a republic on pages 110-116. **Answer in complete sentences unless it states to list.**

**Level One: Right There Questions:** The answers to these questions are stated directly in the text.

1. What is a constitution and why does a country or state need one?

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2. Why is it difficult to write a constitution that governed the entire nation?

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3. What were some of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

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4. What were some of the problems that arose with the Articles of Confederation?

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5. What was the importance of the Northwest Ordinance, what did it do for the Northwest Territory?

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6. What were the causes of Shay's Rebellion?

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**Level Two: Putting it together: The answers to these questions are not stated directly in the text. The text gives you some clues, but you'll need your own ideas too.**

7. Do you think the Articles of Confederation could have worked? Why, or why not?

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**Level Three: On Your Own: Draw from own beliefs and experiences to answer this question.**

8. Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "the spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on occasion that I wish it always to be kept alive." Do you think Shay's Rebellion was good for the United States, or dangerous? Explain.

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