

Establishing the New Nation

The Articles of Confederation

Lesson 4.1 – Pages 110-116

Directions: Define the following Key Terms (Use the glossary and text)

republic

unicameral legislature

bicameral legislature

Articles of Confederation

John Dickinson

federal

Northwest Territory

Land Ordinance of 1785

Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Shays' Rebellion

Directions: Answer the following on a separate sheet of lined paper. Use complete sentences.

The States Create Republics:

1. **Compare and Contrast** - Explain the difference between a unicameral and a bicameral legislature, including the advantages of each.
2. **Cite Evidence** - Why did some political leaders oppose allowing all men to vote? Cite evidence to support your answer.

Union Under the Articles of Confederation:

3. **Draw Conclusions** - Did the federal government under the Articles of Confederation have a bicameral or a unicameral legislature? Explain.
4. **Cite Evidence** - In what ways did the Articles of Confederation limit the power of the federal government?

The Northwest Territory:

5. **Identify Supporting Details** - The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 was an important piece of legislature that had a significant impact on the development of the United States. Give three details that support this main idea.
6. **Analyze Interactions Among Individuals and Events** - How did the passage of the Northwest Ordinance affect relations with the American Indians?

Relations With Foreign Powers:

7. **Draw Conclusions** - Explain how the British treated the American colonies after the Revolutionary War.
8. **Draw Inferences** - Why was New Orleans an important city for Americans in the late 1700s?

Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation:

9. **Identify Cause and Effect** - What chain of events led to America's near bankruptcy in the years after the Revolutionary War?
10. **Paraphrase** - What did James Madison mean when he said, "Liberty may be endangered by the abuses of liberty as well as [by] the abuses of power." Cite at least one example that supports Madison's position.