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Created in 1777  
Ratified in 1781

# The United States Constitution Unit

## The Articles of Confederation Guided Notes

Confederation - an alliance of organization consisting of several parties  
↳ "A firm league of friendship with each other"

What were the Articles of Confederation?

America's first Constitution (1781-1789)

What the article did

Each state has own money & government, 1 vote for each state

### The Articles of Confederation

\* Need to know for test

Weaknesses	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No power to levy or collect taxes</li> <li>Congress had no power to enforce its laws</li> <li>Approval of 9 states was needed to enact laws</li> <li>Amendments to the articles had to be passed by all 13 states</li> <li>No executive branch</li> <li>No national court</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government was always short of money</li> <li>The government depended on the states to enforce the laws ↳ no cooperation between states/governments</li> <li>It was difficult to enact laws</li> <li>There was no practical way to change the powers of government</li> <li>There was no effective way to coordinate the work of the government</li> <li>The central government had no way of settling disputes among the states</li> </ul>