



Founding a New Nation

Timeline Cards

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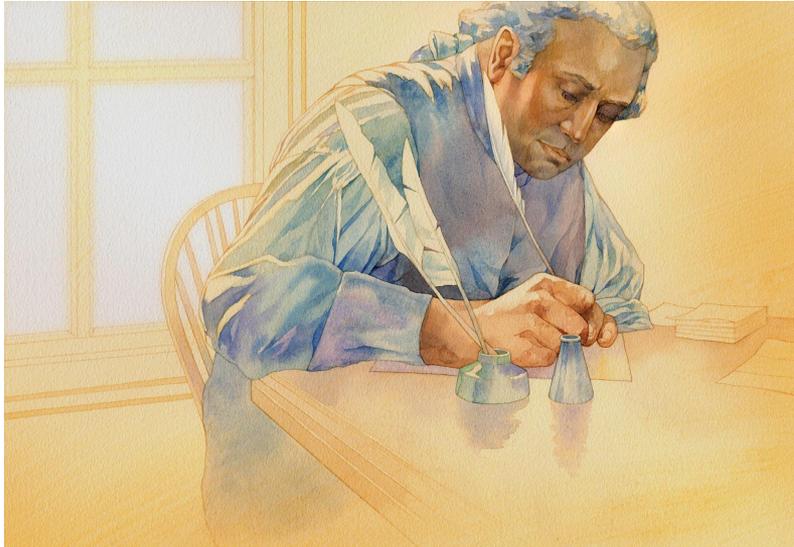
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CHAPTER 1: Early Challenges and the Articles of Confederation



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In 1781, the Articles of Confederation went into effect as the plan of U.S. national government.

The Articles of Confederation	
Powers of the States	Powers of Congress
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enforce state laws• Regulate trade• Impose taxes• Issue justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declare and wage war• Negotiate treaties• Ask the states for money and soldiers for the army and navy• Borrow and mint money• Resolve differences between the states• Oversee relations with Native Americans

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CHAPTER 2: The Constitutional Convention



In 1787, delegates met in Philadelphia for the Constitutional Convention. Originally intended to revise the Articles of Confederation, the convention ended up writing an entirely new plan of government.

Framing Question:

Why is the Constitution considered a document of compromises?



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