

# The Road to the American Constitution

Highlighting the journey from the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution

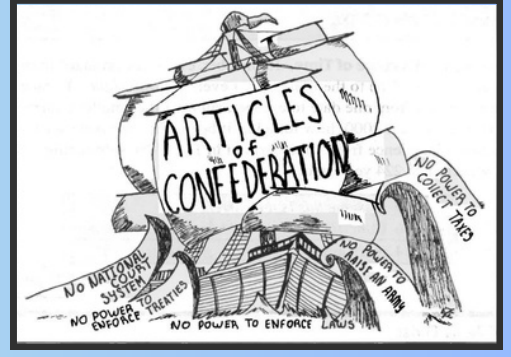
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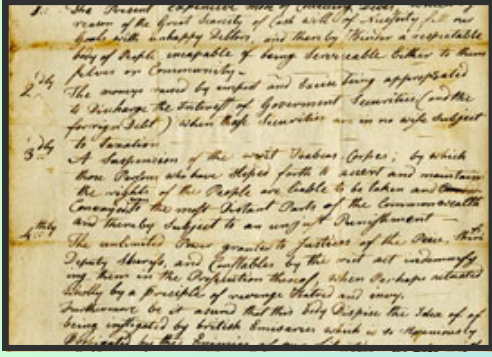
America declares its independence and quickly realizes that they are in need of a national government.



Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation after debating for a year.



The Articles of Confederation was formed to be a league of friendship. It soon exposed its weaknesses.



Because of the weakness of the Articles of Confederation, trouble is on the horizon.



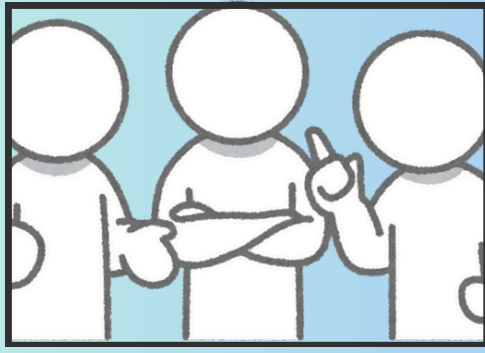
Shays' Rebellion is known for being a violent uprising that took place in Massachusetts, but it's much more.



Revising the Articles? Shays' Rebellion further exposed the weaknesses of the Articles. Delegates from each state were invited to Philadelphia.



The delegates soon realized that the Articles needed to be scrapped.



Many delegates had a difference of opinion when it came to America's government structure. What about representation? What about the slaves?



James Madison drafted the Virginia Plan as an option for the new Constitution.



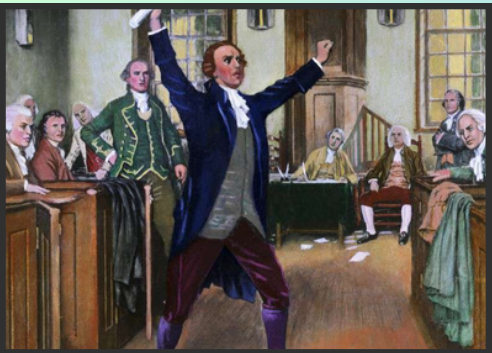
William Patterson introduced the New Jersey Plan.



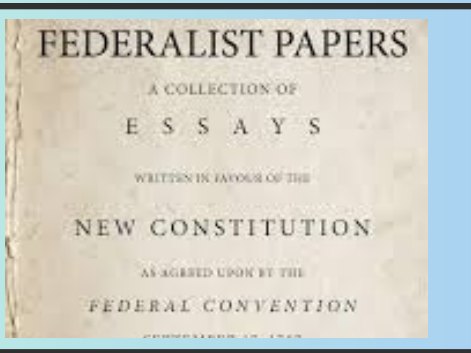
The Great Compromise



What about the slaves?



Anti-Federalist opposed the ratification of the Constitution.



The Federalist Papers support ratification



To ratify or not?



The Constitution is ratified!



The Constitution has been the governing document of the US for over 200 Years.

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