

Lesson 2.1 Vocab & Questions

Name _____ Per _____

A Weak Confederation

VOCABULARY DIRECTIONS Write down the TEXTBOOK DEFINITION for each word.

Constitution _____

Bill of Rights _____

Articles of Confederation _____

Cede _____

Currency _____

Northwest Ordinance _____

Shays' Rebellion _____

QUESTIONS DIRECTIONS Read the following sections in *Topic 2 Lesson 1 A Weak Confederation* in your online eText (on Google Classroom) or textbook to help you answer the following questions.

How Were State Constitutions Similar?

1. What were the principles and ideas set forth in the Declaration of Independence?

2. Virginia's constitution included a bill of rights, which is a _____

3. Virginia's bill of rights guaranteed trial by _____ freedom of _____ & freedom of the _____.

4. The states divided the power between an _____ and a _____

5. Voters elected members of the _____

6. What position did every state (except Pennsylvania) have to execute or carry out the laws? _____

7. What qualifications did citizens have to have in order to vote? _____
_____ & own property or pay a certain amount of taxes.

8. In which state could some women vote? _____

9. In a few states, African American _____ who owned _____ could vote.

Articles of Confederation

10. One of the problems the Continental Congress faced in writing a plan for the nation was that states did not want to give up power to a _____

Strengths and Weaknesses

11. How many delegates from each state were sent to Congress under the A of C? _____
12. Congress had the power to declare war, appoint _____ officers, coin _____, and operate _____
13. Congress could also conduct _____ and sign _____
14. How many states had to approve (ratify) a law in order for it to go into effect? _____ out of 13
15. Did the Articles of Confederation have an executive to enforce the laws? _____
16. Did Congress have the power to regulate trade between the states or foreign countries? _____
17. How did Congress try to get money? _____
18. Was there a court system to settle disputes between the states? _____

Disputes over Western Lands

19. What did Maryland want the states to cede before it would ratify the A of C? _____
20. When did Maryland finally ratify the Articles of Confederation? _____

Weaknesses of the Constitution – Concerns over Debt & Currency

21. Why couldn't the U.S. repay its war debt after the Revolution? _____

22. Why did trade between the states become difficult? _____

An Orderly Expansion

23. How many sections were there in each township in the Northwest Territory? 36 How big was each section? _____ or 640 acres How much was each section sold for? _____
24. One section of each township was set aside for _____
25. What did the Northwest Ordinance outlaw in the Northwest Territory? _____
26. What did the population of a territory need to be before it could request to become a state? _____
27. What are the names of the states that were created from the Northwest Territory?

Farmers Demand Fair Treatment

28. What did the courts do in Mass. if a farmer could not pay back his loans? _____
29. What is the name of the farmer who led Shays' Rebellion in 1786? _____
30. What did the farmers who participated in Shays' Rebellion do? _____

31. The purpose of the convention that met in Philadelphia in 1787 was to _____ the A of C.
32. What did the convention end up doing? _____