

STANDARD USI.7a

The student will apply social science skills to understand the challenges faced by the new nation by

a) explaining the weaknesses and outcomes of the government established by the Articles of Confederation;

Essential Understandings

The Articles of Confederation was a constitution written during the American Revolution to establish the powers of the new national government.

Essential Knowledge

Articles of Confederation

- Provided for a weak national government
- Gave Congress no power to tax or regulate commerce among the states
- Provided for no common currency
- Gave each state one vote regardless of size
- Provided for no executive or judicial branches

Outcomes of the Articles of Confederation

- First constitution of the United States
- The Northwest Ordinance
 - Outlined the process for admitting a new state to the Union
 - Outlawed slavery in the new territories