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A CONFEDERATION OF STATES

*Read pages 188-192 in the text and respond to the following questions.*

1. How were new state governments similar to old colonial governments? How were they different?

2. Why was it difficult for the Continental Congress to draft a constitution?

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3. Fill in the chart with information about the Articles of Confederation.

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| **Articles of Confederation** |
| What powers did the government have under the Articles? |  | What were the weaknesses of the government under the Articles? |
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4. How did a dispute over western lands affect ratification of the Articles of Confederation?

5. Describe the money problem encountered by the United States after the Revolutionary War?

6. Provide 2 examples of how foreign countries took advantage of the Articles of Confederation’s weaknesses.

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7. What was the Land Ordinance of 1785?

8. What was the Northwest Ordinance?

9. Why was the Northwest Ordinance considered by many the “finest achievement” of the US government under the Articles of Confederation?

10. What is an economic depression?

11. Why were farmers particularly hurt by the economic depression?

12. How did matters worsen for farmers in Massachusetts?

13. What was Shays’ Rebellion?

14. How did Shays’ Rebellion help lead to the Constitutional Convention?