

**Wanted—A “Just Right”
Government**

Wanted—A government that:
Use this word bank to fill in the notes for the “Wanted” section.

- Rights
- power
- much
- States/citizens
- say
- power

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

The Declaration goes on to say...
“That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government...”

The First Attempt: These Articles Ain't Workin!

Use this word bank to fill in the notes for the "First Attempt" section.

President	1777
government (x 2)	Articles
central	representatives
one	independent

A **confederation** is a group of individuals united together for a purpose.




Hey, This is Great!

What did people like about the Articles of Confederation?




Hey, This is Great!

- States get to keep their power and independence.
- No government telling the states what to do.
- Congress had the power to create a military to protect all the states.




But Wait...

What was wrong with the Articles of Confederation?



But Wait...

- Congress had no way to enforce its laws.
- That meant states could ignore laws.
- Congress did not have the power to collect taxes to pay for the military.
- The Articles could only be changed if all states agreed.



Self-Check

- Check your progress...
- See if you can answer these true/false questions.
- You do NOT need to write any thing for this section.

Mini Quiz #1

The Articles of Confederation

True or False?

1. The Articles made a President in charge of the country.
2. States would still be independent under the Articles.
3. The Articles were easy to change.
4. The more people a state had, the more votes it got in Congress.

Mini Quiz #1

The Articles of Confederation

True or False?

- 5. Congress did not have the power to collect taxes.
- 6. Congress could pass laws that the states had to follow.
- 7. The Articles of Confederation created the first American government.

Trouble in Paradise




"This government is *too small!*"

Trouble in Paradise

Use this word bank to fill in the notes for the "Trouble.." section.

- control*
- states*
- taxes*
- conflict*
- states*

- **States had different needs.**
 - For example, some states depended on fishing, while others mostly grew crops.
- **States had different sizes.**
 - Some states had many people and some states had few.
- **People had different opinions.**
 - Some people feared a central government while others thought a central government was necessary.

 **Self-Check**

- Check your progress...
- See if you can answer these true/false questions.
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Mini Quiz #2
Problems Among States

True or false?

1. Everybody thought the central government should have more power.
2. Some people were afraid states might lose their independence.
3. Different states had different needs for government to meet.
4. The states all got along with each other.
5. The government created by the Articles of Confederation had everything under control between the states.

Articles of Confederation


Government has one branch only. It was called the Legislative branch and Congress made the laws.



New Idea


Split power between 3 branches:


- Legislative → makes laws
- Executive → enforces the laws
- Judicial → interprets the laws



VA v. NJ

Populations in 1787

 ~ 747,000

 ~ 184,000

Poll: What do you think?

Is it more fair for every state to have the same amount of power or for states with more people to have more power?

- All states should have the same power
- Larger states should have more power

One the back of P.1 write your answer and justify your position.

NJ vs. Virginia Plan

- Virginia
 - Legislative branch has 2 chambers
 - Number of votes a state gets depends on the size of the state's population
 - Larger states would have more power
- New Jersey
 - Legislative branch has 1 chamber
 - Each state gets 1 vote
 - Smaller states will get more power

Won't some states have more than their share of power???



Ta-Da! Presenting... *The Constitution!*



Finally!



Preamble

Use this word bank to fill in the notes for the "Preamble.." section.

- Freedom
- States
- Reason
- Union
- Protect
- Peaceful

Article



The **Legislative Branch** Makes Laws

Congress has specified powers. Any powers not given to Congress remain state controlled issues



Chamber 1
Based on population

CONGRESS

Chamber 2
2 members per state

House of Representatives

Senate

Article 2

The **Executive Branch** Carries Out (enforces) Laws



The President will head this branch



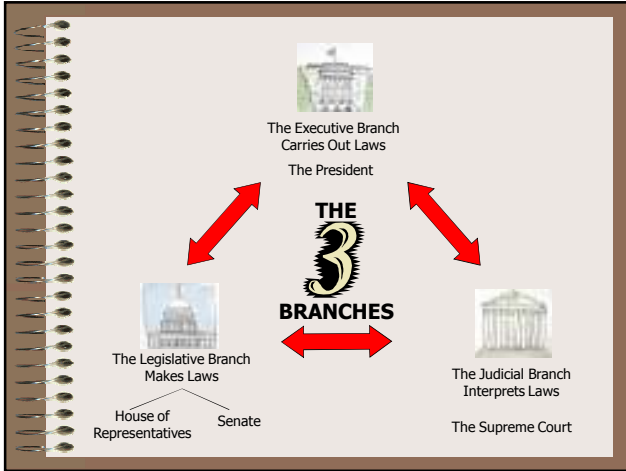
Article 3

The **Judicial Branch** Interprets Laws



The Supreme Court will be the highest court in the land. Whatever they say is the law!





Mini Quiz #3 The Three Branches

Choose the correct words:

1. Congress can **make** laws but cannot **carry out** laws.
2. The President can **make/carry out** laws but cannot **make/carry out** laws.
3. The courts cannot **make/carry out** or **make/carry out** laws, but they can interpret what laws mean.

Article 4
Requires that states treat citizens of other states the same as they treat their own citizens


Article 5
The Constitution may be changed if 2/3s of Congress or 3/4 of states approve of the changes.

Article 6
Makes it clear that the Constitution and the laws of Congress are more powerful than any laws passed by any state.

Article 7
Creates a way for the Constitution to become the law of the land. 9 of the 13 states had to ratify (approve)!

The Amendments

(That means stuff they added later.)



The original 7 articles did not address any guaranteed rights of the citizens. These rights would be protected in the Bill of Rights which were added after the Constitution was ratified.

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

1. Laws are made by the _____ branch.

A executive B legislative

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

2. States must treat people from other states _____.

A the same B differently

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

3. Laws passed by Congress are _____ to state laws.

A superior B inferior

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

4. Congress has _____.

- A B
one chamber two chambers

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

5. Each state gets two representatives (votes) in the _____.

- A B
House of Senate
Representatives

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

6. In the House of Representatives, the number of representatives each state gets is based on its _____.

- A B
Population Taxes

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

7. The President is the head of the _____ branch.

- A B
Legislative Executive

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

8. The executive branch _____ laws.

- A Carries out B Interprets

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

9. One goal of the Constitution is to establish _____.

- A Justice B Anarchy

Last Mini Quiz!

Under the Constitution...

10. The articles of the Constitution don't say anything about _____.

- A Rights B Laws

The End!

