The Articles of Confederation

# Introduction

The Articles of Confederation was the United States’ first form of government. This plan of government dealt with three issues: representation, taxes, and control of the western territories. This system also gave more control to the states than the centralized government. This separation created problems with national and international interactions.

# Task

The task of this web quest is for students to research The Articles of Confederation and create a visual representation or graphic organizer on the subject matter researched.

# Process

1. Students should use the resources provided and information already given in class to compile data on the Articles of Confederation.
2. Upon finding data, students will use the relevant information to create a visual representation on the Articles of Confederation.

Topics to research when creating the visual representation:

* What does the term confederation mean?
* What powers were given to the states under the Articles of Confederation (taxation, powers not delegated to the national government, judicial system, and enforcement of laws created by congress)?
* What powers were given to the national (federal) government under the Articles of Confederation (limited powers, petition states for money, embassies, ambassadors, war, treaties, maritime courts, settle disputes between states)?
* What was the mindset of the states when the Articles were created?
* What did the small states fear?
* How did the first plan of government lead to the Constitution?

1. When creating the visual representation, students must use proper **spelling, grammar,** and **punctuation.**
2. When constructing the project, students should incorporate color, eye catching details, and originality.
3. Students should include a works-cited page of where they acquired their information.

Resources

<http://www.law.ou.edu/ushistory/artconf.shtml>

<http://www.slideshare.net/Lorrene/articles-of-confederation-and-perpetual-union>

<http://www.history.org/almanack/life/politics/articles.cfm>

[http://www2.cicerohistory.com/Cicero/c/4/Activities/Guided Reading/Secondary/FirstConstitution/TheFirstConstitution.pdf](http://www2.cicerohistory.com/Cicero/c/4/Activities/Guided%20Reading/Secondary/FirstConstitution/TheFirstConstitution.pdf)

# Assessment

For assessment purposes, go to CICERO/Unit 3/Professional Development/ Rubrics/WebQuest.

## Conclusion

* What have you learned from this web quest?
* How much of this information had you previously known?
* When researching the Articles of Confederation, was there any new information that was a **WOW**?
* How important do you think The Articles of Confederation were to the development of the United States?
* What did you like about this project? What did you dislike?
* How would you improve this assignment?