

The Study of History

The Confederation Government

From the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the end of the American War for Independence, the United States was governed by the Second Continental Congress. In 1781, the congress put into effect the plan for government known as the Articles of Confederation.

In the spaces provided, answer the following questions concerning the government under the Articles of Confederation. You may want to refer to the chart on page 166 in AMERICA IS to answer some of the questions.

1. _____ How many states were part of the United States under the government of the Articles of Confederation?
2. _____ How many houses existed in the Congress set up by the Articles of Confederation?
3. _____ How many votes did each state have in the Congress?
4. _____ How many votes were needed to change the Articles of Confederation?
5. _____ How many members formed the committee that managed the daily affairs of government when the congress was not in session?
6. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation regulate the value of coins?
7. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation operate a postal system?
8. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation tax citizens?
9. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation manage Indian affairs?
10. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation set measurement standards?
11. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation control trade among the various states?
12. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation send and receive ambassadors?
13. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation borrow money?
14. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation set up minor courts?
15. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation determine war and peace?
16. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation make treaties and alliances?
17. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation govern the national capital?

18. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation pardon federal offenders?
19. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation coordinate land and naval forces in the event of war?
20. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation protect patents and copyrights?
21. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation call out state militia to stop uprisings and invasions?
22. _____ Could the Congress of the Confederation raise and support a national army and navy?

A major piece of legislation passed by the Congress of the Confederation was the Northwest Ordinance. This set up steps by which territories could become a state in the United States.

In the space provided, write the steps that a territory was to take to become a state.
