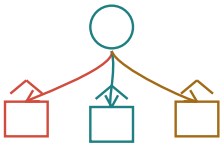
Articles of Confederation



Name _____ Date _____

1 Recall, then make a connection.

Start from memory. Write a meaning or quick example for each term.

confederation	requisition	unanimity

How could a confederation's reliance on a requisition complicate funding? Explain why a unanimity rule could protect member states while also making a proposed change difficult.

Context for the task

The Articles of Confederation created a union of states that retained substantial sovereignty. Congress could handle important national matters, including war and diplomacy, but its tools were limited. It depended on state contributions rather than a direct national taxing power, and it lacked a general power to regulate interstate commerce. Each state had one vote in Congress. These choices reflected fears of concentrated power after the struggle against Britain.

2 Work with the numbers.

One rule, one missing approval

A fictional amendment to the Articles has approval from 12 of the 13 states. The Articles require every state to approve an amendment.

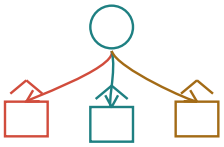
How many additional state approvals are needed?

Show your calculation. Label the quantities you use.

Answer: _____ state approval

What can this result show? What would need more evidence?

Evidence, application & transfer.



3 Read the evidence closely.

Protective rule or obstacle?

The repair desk asks for a balanced explanation of the unanimous amendment rule.

Select every statement the rule supports.

A. No state could have the Articles amended over its objection under the stated rule.

B. One state's refusal could block an amendment supported by the other twelve.

C. Unanimity guaranteed that every individual resident agreed with an amendment.

D. Unanimity gave Congress unlimited power to tax people directly.

Selections: _____ Explain your reasoning:

4 Apply the idea.

The treasury has requests, not receipts

In a simplified fictional case, Congress requests money from the states for a national obligation. Several states delay their contributions. Congress cannot directly impose a national tax under the Articles.

Which structural problem best explains the shortfall?

A. The national government depends on state contributions rather than a direct national taxing power.

B. The Articles require the president to veto every request for money.

C. Every state has agreed to pay, so collection is automatic.

My choice: _____ Explain why it fits:

5 Carry the idea forward.

Choose one repair-desk problem and write a cause-and-response explanation. Identify the Articles' design choice, its practical consequence, the Constitution's response, and one reason stronger power still needed limits.