

CONSTITUTION 101

Module 3: Road to the Convention

3.2 Activity Guide

THE CRITICAL PERIOD: THE YEARS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

In this activity, you will identify the powers of the government under the Articles of Confederation, learn why it was designed that way, and identify some of the problems that emerge from its flaws. The one thing to remember about the Articles of Confederation is that it created a weak national government—a “league of friendship”—one that largely preserved state power (and independence).

Read information about the Articles of Confederation in [Info Brief: The Road to the Convention](#).

Complete the chart to summarize the information.

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