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<b>Core Idea</b>	<b>Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation</b>
Focal Point #1	Specifies the weaknesses that will be assessed
Focal Point #2	How did Shays's Rebellion show a weakness of the Articles of Confederation?
Focal Point #3	History teachers may get tied to the story and should focus on how these concerns show weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
Potential Concerns	The power to tax is one of the "general powers" of Congress as found in Article I though not specified in the specifications for Benchmark 3.3
Sample Item	Recall is critical Sample item is a good model for classroom instruction

