

Excerpts from the U.S. Constitution

Directions: Below are six excerpts from the U.S. Constitution. In your small groups, summarize the excerpts in your own words. Then, identify how the excerpt relates to one of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

Article 1, Section 8: “The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.”

Summary

How does the excerpt relate to one of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

Article 1, Section 8: “The Congress shall have Power... To regulate Commerce foreign Nations, and among the several States”

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Article II, Section 3: “...he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed...”

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Article III, Section 1: “The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.”

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Article II, Section 1: “The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America.”

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Article V: “The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution...”

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