

Name \_\_\_\_\_ The Nation's Shaky Start

In the beginnings of our nation, there were some great ideas about how to change government so that it was not like a monarchy.

1. What does the title of this worksheet, "The Nation's Shaky Start," suggest about how well those ideas worked?

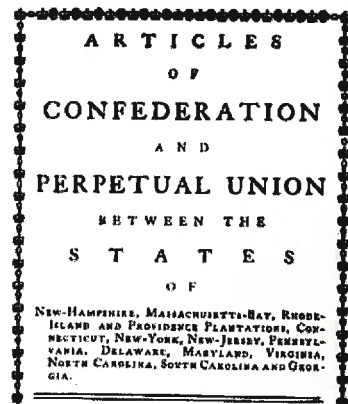
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Here is a list of things that were happening during the first 11 years of the USA:

- Money Troubles
- Call for a Convention
- New State Governments
- Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- Disputes with Britain and Spain
- Quarrels Among the States
- Settling the Northwest Territory
- Shays's Rebellion



Let's take a look at some of the vocabulary in this list.

What is a convention? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a confederation? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a rebellion? \_\_\_\_\_

What does economic refer to? \_\_\_\_\_

List two words from the list above that are synonyms to disagreements and arguments?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

Turn the page over and complete the worksheet on the back, using critical thinking...not guessing. trimester.



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Use this list to answer to the following questions: (Focus on the underlined phrases as key words.)

2. Which phrase on the list suggests that there were people interested in moving to new land that was yet unsettled by Americans?

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3. Which phrase makes you think that states were arguing with each other?

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4. Which phrase is a clue that the nation's shaky start included conflicts with other nations?

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5. Which phrase indicates that the new government faced economic problems?

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6. Which phrase suggests that the nation's shaky start involved someone that was willing to fight the government over a disagreement?

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7. What phrase makes you think that people wanted to meet in order to discuss the problems?

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8. What phrase indicates that the states created plans of government for themselves?

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9. What phrase suggests that "Plan A," our first plan for government, had some problems?

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