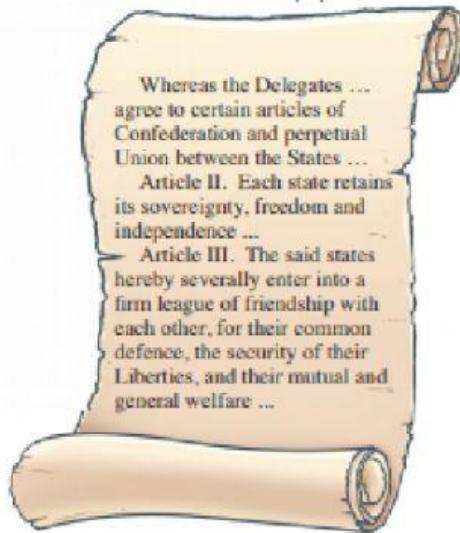


Sources on the Articles of Confederation

Activity

The Articles of Confederation served as the guiding document for the United States' government from November 15, 1777 until it was replaced by the United States' Constitution on March 4, 1789. Read the following excerpts from the Articles of Confederation and the article from this week's paper to learn more about how this guiding document served our nation. Then complete the chart.



Articles of Confederation

source of information
1 (primary or secondary)

declares the states will keep its _____
freedom and _____ 3

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says the states will enter into a league of
_____ and help protect each other
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The Articles of Confederation

The Articles of Confederation marked an important step toward nationhood. The Articles were ratified by each state in 1781. They set forth a government that focused on the sovereignty (independent power) of each individual state. The Articles gave little power to the national government. Congress could not levy the taxes, regulate trade or force states to act in the best interests of the people.

Studies Weekly story on the Articles of Confederation

source of information
2

says that the 5 did not have
enough power

says congress could not 7 in the
best 8 of the people