

The Articles of Confederation (1.7a)

- I. The Articles of Confederation was the first attempt at self government by the newly independent country of the United States of America .
- II. It was written during the Revolutionary War to establish the powers of a new central government.
- III. The Articles of Confederation displayed many weaknesses .
- IV. These weaknesses included:
 - a. It provided for a weak national government.
 - b. It gave Congress NO power to tax or regulate commerce (trade) among the states.
 - c. It provided for NO common currency . The money was different from each new state.
 - d. It gave each state only ONE vote , regardless of size. (The small states really liked this, but why?)
 - e. It provided for NO Executive or Judicial Branch. This means there was no President nor any judges or justices .