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***Articles of Confederation***

**READING GUIDE**

**Reading: Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation**

**Benchmark Clarification:** Students will identify the weaknesses of the government under the Articles of Confederation (i.e., Congress had no power to tax, to regulate trade, or to enforce its laws; the national government lacked a national court system [judicial branch] and central leadership [executive branch]; and changes to the Articles required unanimous consent of the 13 states).

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation? |  |
| Which weakness do you think was the most important and why? |  |