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RETEACHING ACTIVITY

The Confederation Era** Be sure to follow directions!!***Evaluating**

Write T in the blank if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write F on the line and then write the corrected statement.

1. In a republic, people choose representatives to govern for them.

2. The Articles of Confederation gave the national government the power to set taxes and enforce the law.

3. Some small states without Western land claims would not ratify the Articles of Confederation until all states gave up their claims to Western lands.

4. Maryland was the last to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

5. The Land Ordinance of 1785 described how the Northwest Territory was to be governed.

6. States depended on the national government to pay the debt they owed to soldiers after the Revolutionary War.

7. From 1786–1787, Daniel Shays led a rebellion of farmers who demanded debt relief.

8. America's leaders felt that Shays's Rebellion was an isolated incident without further consequences.

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SECTION QUIZ

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Do BOTH A. and B.

A. Terms and Names Write the letter of the *best* answer.

- a. Articles of Confederation
- b. Land Ordinance of 1785
- c. Northwest Ordinance
- d. Northwest Territory
- e. Shays's Rebellion
- f. Confederation Congress

- 1. resulted from high taxes
- 2. outlined how western territories would be governed
- 3. allowed for western lands to be divided into townships
- 4. created a national government
- 5. had the power to wage war and issue money
- 6. included land west of the Appalachian Mountains

B. Extended Response Write a brief answer to the following question.

What were the weaknesses of the federal government under the Articles of Confederation?

PRACTICE

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Directions: Choose the letter of the *best* answer.

Use the quotation to answer question 1.

Article XII. All bills of credit emitted, monies borrowed, and debts contracted by, or under the authority of Congress, before the assembling of the United States, in pursuance of the present confederation, shall be deemed and considered as a charge against the United States, for payment and satisfaction whereof the said United States, and the public faith are hereby solemnly pledged.

—Articles of Confederation

* See note below - follow directions

1. What does Article XII of the Articles of Confederation state?
 - A. Any paper money issued by the Congress shall be considered legal tender.
 - B. The Congress may create taxes to pay the country's debts.
 - C. The Congress has the authority to borrow money.
 - D. The United States will pay all debts incurred during the Revolutionary War.
2. What two issues did members of the Continental Congress debate when creating the Articles of Confederation?
 - A. the number of representatives in Congress and control of the Northwest Territory
 - B. adding a Bill of Rights and creating a judicial branch of government
 - C. selecting a president and deciding who should be allowed to vote
 - D. collecting taxes and declaring war

3. Which of the following statements about the power of the Confederation Congress is true?
 - A. It had the power to enforce national laws.
 - B. It had the power to issue money.
 - C. It had the power to levy taxes.
 - D. It had the power to deal with foreign nations on an equal basis.

4. The farmers involved in Shays's Rebellion were protesting
 - A. the banning of slavery in the Northwest Territory.
 - B. their lack of voting rights.
 - C. control over the Northwest Territory.
 - D. high taxes.

5. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 determined
 - A. that slavery would be allowed to continue in the Northwest Territory.
 - B. that Congress could levy taxes to pay off its war debts.
 - C. how the Northwest Territory was to be governed.
 - D. that federally owned lands in the West would be divided into townships that were six square miles wide.

For #1 only -
Underline the phrase
not the total paragraph
which provides the
answer.

Study Guide: Chapter 8, Section 1

Terms and People

Shays's Rebellion (Who, Where, Why, Effect)
Northwest Territory
Articles of Confederation
Confederation Congress
Land Ordinance of 1785 (purpose & idea)
Northwest Ordinance (purpose & why democratic)
Republic
Ratification
Levy

Powers Granted

Powers Denied

Be able to answer these questions

1. What were the general qualifications for voting? In most states, who was restricted from voting?
2. How did the states make their governments more representative in their constitutions?
3. On what two items did the states disagree in the early days of United States?
4. Why were the small states against ratification of the A of C? How was the problem resolved?
5. The Land Ordinance of 1785 set up small six mile square areas of land called _____.
6. Northwest Ordinance: a) When could a territory become a state?
b) What were its positive points to democracy? Indian affairs?
7. Problems with Britain and Spain:
 - a) What were the key problems with England?
 - b) What were the key problems with Spain?
 - c) What was the weakness of the Articles of Confederation when dealing with foreign nations?
8. a) Why did the United States go into debt in the 1770s?
 - b) To whom did the United States owe money?
 - c) Why couldn't the United States raise the money?
 - d) What famous event resulted from the inability to raise money?