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### **Articles of Confederation and the US Constitution**

**SS8H4** - The student will describe the impact of events that led to the ratification of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. A. Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of both the Georgia Constitution of 1777 and the Articles of Confederation and explain how weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation led to a need to revise the Articles. B. Describe the role of Georgia at the Constitutional Convention of 1787; include the role of Abraham Baldwin and William Few, and reasons why Georgia ratified the new constitution.

#### **THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**

1.) While the Revolutionary War was still being fought, the Articles of Confederation were created and ratified (officially accepted).

What were the Articles of Confederation? (p. 499)

When were they ratified? (p. 499)

2.) The creators of the Articles purposely established a STRONG / WEAK (CIRCLE ONE) central government. Why do you think this was the case? (p. 502)

3.) List at least 6 weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation. Next, rank them from 1-6 (out to the left-hand side) in order of most important weakness (had biggest impact) to least important weakness. This is entirely opinion-based. (p. 502)

4.) Why did you rank your most important weakness #1, and why did you rank your least important weakness #6?

5.) Why do you think delegates decided to create an entirely new constitution instead of fixing the Articles?

6.) Accentuate the positive! What good things can be said about the Articles of Confederation? Name at least 2.

**THE GEORGIA CONSTITUTION OF 1777**

- 7.) When was Georgia's first state constitution created? (p. 156)
- 8.) Describe the legislature that the first state constitution created? (p. 156)
- 9.) Why did GA delegates want to seriously limit the power of the governor of Georgia? (p. 156)

What did they do to make sure this happened? (p. 156)

10.) Describe in detail how the governor of Georgia was elected under our first state constitution. (p. 156-157)

11.) Accentuate the positive! Name one good thing that can be said about the Georgia Constitution of 1777? (p. 157)

**THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION AND THE GEORGIA CONSTITUTION OF 1777**

12.) Create and illustrate a simile to explain how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the need to create a new constitution.

The Articles of Confederation, our nation's first constitution, was like \_\_\_\_\_

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Illustrate below: