

Americas 250th Anniversary
Great Things He Has Done!
The United States Constitution
Handout # 5



Scan QR code above to access the website for course information such as the up-to-date session schedule, handouts, and additional resource information.

Articles of Confederation

When the Constitution was ratified in 1789, it was the _____ By-Laws type document adopted to operate our national government.

The first governing document, ratified in 1781, was called the _____ of _____.

The “Articles” established a “_____ of _____” among the 13 states.

The Articles created a loose confederation of states and a _____ federal government, leaving most of the power with the _____ governments.

Created during the throes of the Revolutionary War, the articles reflect the wariness by the states of a strong _____ - government.

The Confederation Congress was responsible for conducting _____ affairs, declaring _____ or _____, maintaining an army and navy, and a variety of other lesser function.

The Articles denied Congress the power to collect _____, regulate interstate _____ and enforce laws.

The need for a _____ federal government soon became apparent and eventually, these shortcomings would lead to the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

Americas 250th Anniversary
Great Things He Has Done!
The United States Constitution
Handout # 5

The Articles contained a provision (Art III) that bound the states to defend one another in cases of attacks “on account of _____”.

Q. What does this provision imply?

A. Clearly implies that the states fully intended to have an official “_____”. States would not be attacked for religion unless the government was somehow connected to that religion.