

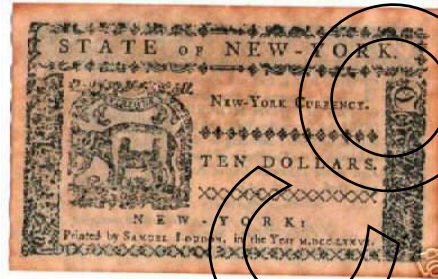
## CREATING A REPUBLIC (1776 - 1790) – LESSON 2

**Objective: To examine the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.**

**Why did the Articles of Confederation fail?**

### I. Currency Issues

- The United States **did not have** a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Americans carried money from the \_\_\_\_\_ government, \_\_\_\_\_ governments, and \_\_\_\_\_ nations.
- Merchants **stopped** \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ outside of their own state, causing a lot of money to become \_\_\_\_\_.
- This caused an increase in \_\_\_\_\_.



### II. Debt

- \_\_\_\_\_ could **not** \_\_\_\_\_ the people and \_\_\_\_\_ on money from the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Therefore, the U.S. was \_\_\_\_\_ to pay its debts!
- Examples:
- The U.S. owed \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for loans made during the Revolutionary War.
  - The U.S. had not \_\_\_\_\_ many of their own \_\_\_\_\_!

### III. Domestic and International Problems

- States acted as \_\_\_\_\_ countries and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed.
- Example:
- Connecticut and Virginia almost went to \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ claims!
  - The U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to defend itself against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Courts ( \_\_\_\_\_ Branch)

- The nation lacked a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ system.



President ( \_\_\_\_\_ Branch)

- The nation did not have a \_\_\_\_\_,  
or \_\_\_\_\_ Executive.



Congress ( \_\_\_\_\_ Branch)

- Congress had \_\_\_\_\_ house. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )



- Laws were difficult to pass, needing the approval of \_\_\_\_\_ states.
- Congress was responsible to the \_\_\_\_\_, **not** the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Congress had no power to \_\_\_\_\_ taxes, \_\_\_\_\_ trade, \_\_\_\_\_ money,  
or establish a \_\_\_\_\_.