

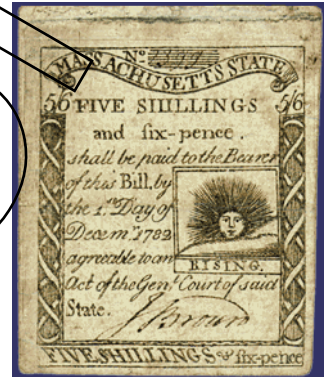
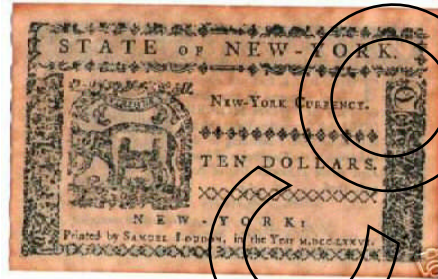
CREATING A REPUBLIC (1776 - 1790) – LESSON 2

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

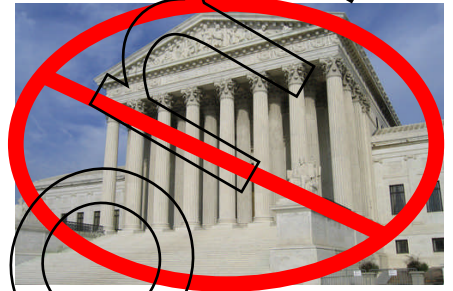
- _____ could **not** _____ the people and _____ on money from the _____.
 - Therefore, the U.S. was _____ to pay its debts!
- Examples:
- The U.S. owed _____ to _____, _____, and _____ for loans made during the Revolutionary War.
 - The U.S. had not _____ many of their own _____!

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 _____.