

Origins of US Government

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_____ (1781)

- Developed shortly after the Declaration of Independence (1776)
- Declared sovereignty to be “_____”
 - Every state → retains sovereignty, freedom, and independence
- Delegates would convene to decide on actions that need

Articles of Confederation

The Articles of Confederation had some pros and obviously some cons....

- **Pro** → Each state retained its sovereignty, freedom, and independence
- **Pro** → Able to travel amongst states like they're citizens of that state
- **Pro** → Mutual defense and trade under “The United States of America”
- **Con** → Lacked strong _____ to resolve disputes at national level
- **Con** → Needed a _____ to handle disputes amongst colonies, negotiate debts with countries, and earn revenue by taxing citizens
- **Con** → _____ (who fought in the war) were being pressured to pay off the debts of the country and colonies

Colonies had significant debt after war (other countries, European traders/lenders)

- US merchants put pressure on farmers/lower class workers to get money to pay off the debts (gold/silver)
- _____ of upset farmers (led by Daniel Shays) rebelled in Springfield, MA (1787)
 - Brought awareness of struggles of being separate sovereignties
 - Many had concerns this would happen in other colonies as well

Constitutional Convention

After Shays' Rebellion, many feared that same scenario would happen in many other cities and colonies. This was the final push many needed to rethink the Articles of Confederation

- Delegates from colonies met at the _____ in 1787
 - Many attended with hopes to create a strong central government, like a Federalist system (states have their rights, but with a central government and a strong leader)
- The US Constitution was ratified and became affection on _____

Federalist Papers

Written by _____, James Madison, and John Jay

- Series of _____ essays urging citizens to ratify the new United States Constitution
 - The authors analyzed the Constitution in detail to put the citizens' fears at ease

Principles of the US Constitution

The seven principles of the US Constitution include the following:

1. _____
2. Federalism
3. _____
4. Separation of Powers
5. _____
6. Limited Government
7. _____