

**Dramatic Moment:**

**“Totally Wicked”:**

**Why did the states need some kind of Constitution after they declared independence?**

**SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT**

Define Constitution:

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\_\_\_\_\_

During the American Revolution, the \_\_\_\_\_ states had to find a way to work together in order to get a \_\_\_\_\_ against the British. Before the Articles of Confederation, the first constitutions were the \_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_\_ years after declaring independence, the United States only had state constitutions and no \_\_\_\_\_ to guide them. When making their new government, the states did not want a \_\_\_\_\_ like they had when they were part of England. Instead they chose the to have the opposite: \_\_\_\_\_.

**What is a problem with a Unitary System of Government?**

Describe a Unitary System of Government:

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For example, after the \_\_\_\_\_, the king began to pay more attention to the colonies and forced them to pay more \_\_\_\_\_. He has Parliament pass laws that makes the colonies feel that they are \_\_\_\_\_.

**What is a problem with a Confederal System of Government?**

Describe a Confederal System of Government:

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The new government did not work because under the \_\_\_\_\_ there were 13 separate governments telling one central government what to do. The Articles of Confederation will only last for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**

**Describe the conflict between *autonomy* and *sovereignty*?**

Autonomy (definition):

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Sovereignty (definition):

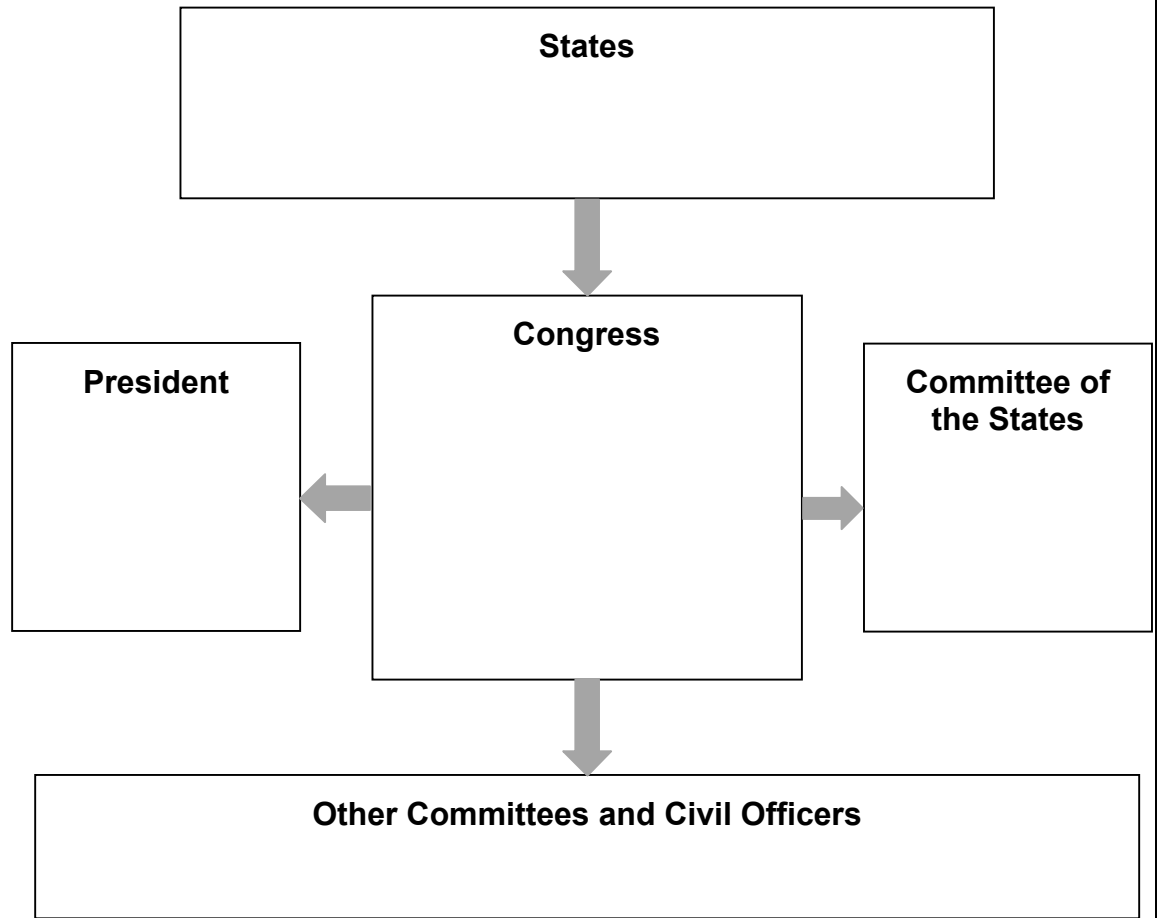
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Under monarchies, the king is considered to have \_\_\_\_\_ because he claims to get his power from \_\_\_\_\_. People will not question the king’s authority because that would be like questioning God. When creating their new government the states wanted to have \_\_\_\_\_

over their own lands. When forming the United States of America they will need to figure out how much power will each \_\_\_\_\_ be willing to give up to a \_\_\_\_\_.

Structure of the Government Under the Articles of Confederation (Fill-in the diagram)



How important was the President of the Congress under the Articles of Confederation?

Who held the power of government under the Articles of Confederation?

What do YOU think was the most important weakness of the Articles of Confederation? Why?

Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_

Strengths of the Articles of Confederation

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_