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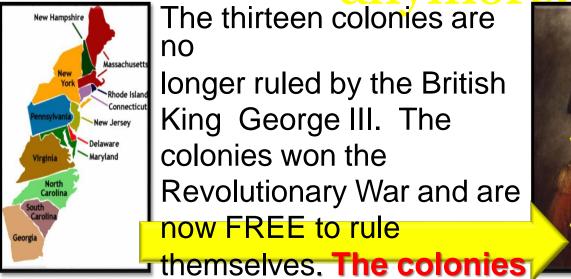
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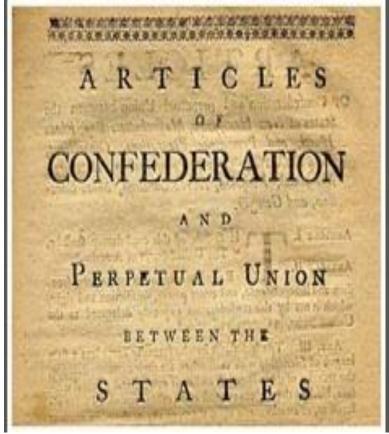
- are now called states! The thirteen former colonies had very little experience working together (do you see how this might be a problem?)
- In the past, Britain had made all the major decisions. Now, the Americans had the task of establishing thirteen state governments and a federal government!



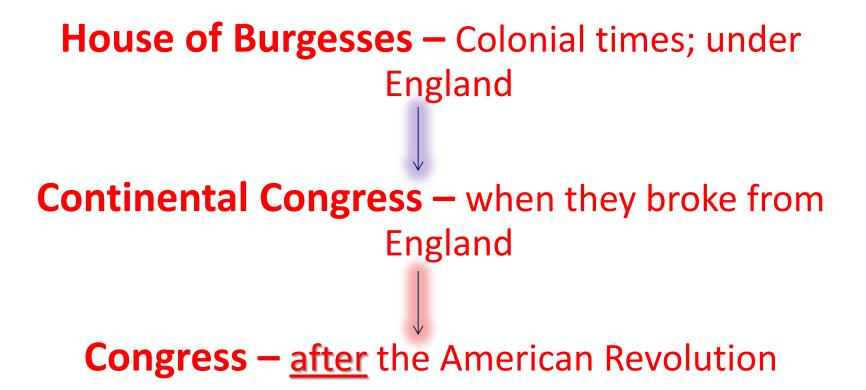
## **The Articles of**

### **Confederation**

- Because there was no official United States government – like we have today – the Continental Congress realized they had to create "something" to govern the new nation.
- They couldn't be called the Continental Congress anymore.
- Their new government name would be the Congress; and, they created new laws called the Articles of Confederation.



### **Quick Review**



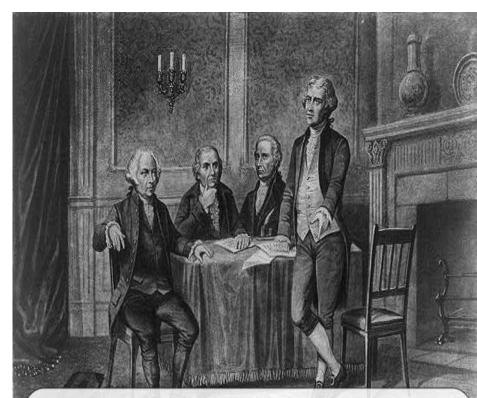
At this time, Congress does not have three (3) separate houses – there is only <u>one house</u>.



- The Articles of Confederation was the United States Founding Fathers' first attempt at creating a Constitution.
- It created a <u>confederation</u> (alliance) of independent states, and acted as the first real government between the states!

## **Powers of the Congress**

- The laws of the new Congress were called the Articles of Confederation.
- All states were considered equal, and each state had <u>one single vote</u>.
- <u>Nine states</u> had to agree on something before it could become a law for the country.
- The new Congress had very limited power – because all states had equal say and equal power. There was no central power yet, and no country leader.



### **ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**

The Articles of Confederation were America's first Constitution. It provided for a weak central government and gave states too much power. In 1787, the Articles of Confederations were replaced during the Constitutional Convention.

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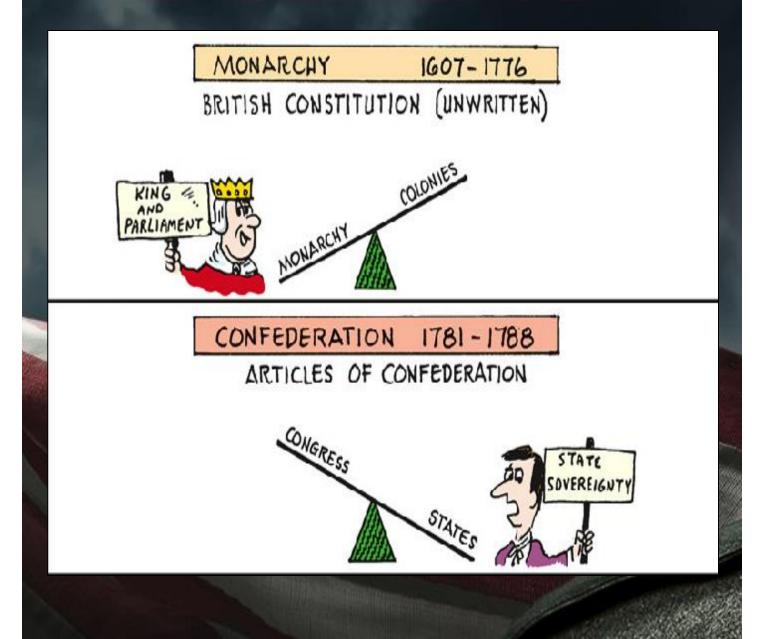
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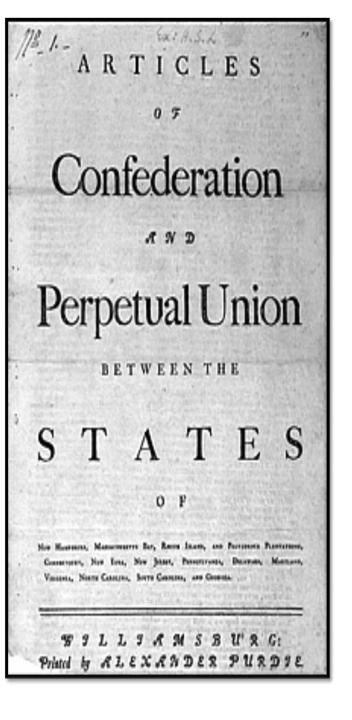
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### SHIFTING THE BALANCE OF POWER



# Turn & Talk:

## Why do you think the states wanted a WEAK central government?



# Limit the power of the United States government!



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