

States government look like under the Articles of

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NOT

- **Declare war on other countries.**
- Appoint military officers.
- **Coin (make) money.**
- Maintain relationships with foreign countries.
- **Pass laws (but 9 of the 13 states had to**

approve the law to make
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- Congress could not regulate trade between states and foreign countries.
- **It could not enforce laws not being followed.**
- **To raise money, Congress had to ask the states for it!**

However, no state could be
forced to give money.

The Articles limited the power of the United States Congress and preserved the powers of the states.

It meant the United States government was ...

W E A K !



No president



No courts



No way

- **The government had NO money!**
- There was no president to carry out laws.
- It was up to the states to follow laws passed by Congress.
- **The Articles created a very loose alliance between the government and the thirteen states.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KGG9afW7XY> (:00 – 2:10)

Articles of Confederation Flippy Organizer

Inside

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| <p>1. Why did the states want a <i>WEAK</i> central government?</p> <p>2. In your opinion, is this a good or a bad idea?</p> | <p>What <u>could</u> the Congress <u>do</u> under the Articles of Confederation?</p> | <p>What was the Congress <u>NOT ALLOWED</u> to do under the Articles of Confederation?</p> |
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