

Articles of Confederation Review II

Pretend you are a farmer living in Massachusetts after the Revolutionary War. Write a letter to a family member in England explaining why Americans created the government they did and the problems you as a farmer are facing (include information about the economy, debts and rebellion). Your letter should be at least a 7-10 sentence paragraph.

	Level 4- Proficient +	Level 3- Proficient	Level 2-Emerging
Style	Letter is written using 1 st person narration. Complete sentences use a variety of vocabulary terms from the unit effectively.	Information is written as a paragraph. Complete sentences use some of the vocabulary terms from the unit.	Information is written in bullets. Sentences are incomplete and use little vocabulary from the unit.
Explanation of the Articles of Confederation	Gives 2 reasons why Americans created a weak central government. Preventing abuse of power and protecting rights should be part of your explanation	The explanation for the creation of the Articles centers around one issue.	Key issues are left out of the explanation of the creation of the Articles of Confederation.
Problems	There are at least 3 different examples of how the Articles of Confederation created problems for Americans (focus on no military, no money to pay debts, no taxes to help raise money). Include 2 ways Shays's Rebellion was a response	There are 3 examples of problems, but they are either similar or are not thoroughly explained. Shays's Rebellion is only mentioned.	There are less than 2 examples of problems and no explanation is given. There is no information about Shays's Rebellion.

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