

Articles of Confederation- When the Americans won their independence, they wanted to make sure their new government didn't abuse its power. The Articles of Confederation was the Americans' first attempt at self-government, however, there were many problems with it. Fill in the chart below based on what you know about government under the British.

Feature of government	How would this feature prevent abuse of power (tyranny)?	Possible problems with the feature
No President		
Laws needed approval by 9 of the 13 states.		
Congress did not have the power to tax citizens. It could only request tax money.		
Congress did not have the power to create an army. It could only request states to send men for military service.		

No national court system to settle arguments between states.		
Any changes to the government had to be approved by all 13 states.		