

The United States in the 1780's

The states were very independent. The federal government was weak. States were afraid of a strong federal government.

The national government wants to tell us what to do. We don't like that.

States argued about boundary lines.

Our state includes this river.

No, the river belongs to our state.

One state's court made decisions that another state's court did not accept.

Virginia says this property is mine, but Vermont says it is yours. What is true?

Some states had slaves and said they would not be a part of the union if they could not keep their slaves. Other states did not believe in slavery.

Run away to another state and you will be free!

There was no national money.

This money is from Massachusetts. I don't take Massachusetts money.

There were no national taxes

We need money to run the country. The states will not give us money.

There was no national army.

We had to fight the Revolutionary War by begging states to send us men for the army.

There were tariffs between states but no national tariffs.

You want to cross this bridge and bring your corn into New York? Pay the tariff!