**Articles of Confederation**

**Part A.** Pay attention to the PowerPoint slides and take notes on the presentation. Fill in the blanks next to the corresponding question. The questions go with slides 3-8 in the PowerPoint.

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|  | **QUESTION** | **YOUR ANSWER** |
| 1 | What is the name of the first constitution? |  |
| 2 | Who wrote it? |  |
| 3 | When was it written? |  |
| 4 | It would serve as what? |  |
| 5 | How did the US begin as? |  |
| 6 | What is a confederation? |  |
| 7 | What type of government did the Articles of Confederation create? |  |
| 8 | Who retained most of the power under the Articles of Confederation? |  |
| 9 | Why didn’t the central or national government accomplish much? |  |
| 10 | What event finally convinced states that the Articles of Confederation needed to be changed? |  |

**Weaknesses of the Articles**

**Part B.** Pay attention to the PowerPoint slides and take notes on the presentation. Fill in the blanks next to the corresponding question. The questions go with slides 11-16 in the PowerPoint.

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|  | **WEAKNESSES** | **WHAT PROBLEMS DID THEY CAUSE?** |
| 11 | National government could not tax |  |
| 12 | No regulation of trade between states |  |
| 13 | No power to enforce laws |  |
| 14 | No judicial branch |  |
| 15 | No executive branch |  |
| 16 | Required a unanimous vote from all states to change the Articles |  |

**Writing Prompt:**

**Part C. Why did the Articles of Confederation fail as a government system for the United States?** Write a paragraph of at least 5 sentences to answer this question. Your first sentence should be your thesis, or your answer to the question. The remaining sentences should be examples or explanations to help support your thesis/answer. Give at least 3 examples from your notes and from our discussion today to support your answer.

ANSWER: