**The Articles of Confederation**

**Background**:

During the American Revolution, the colonies needed to coordinate their efforts against Britain. They created an emergency government to raise money for the war effort called the Continental Congress. After the Revolution, the colonies were officially independent from Great Britain. They needed to create a system of government to run this new nation. The first system created was known as The Article of Confederation and was adopted on November 15, 1777. In its final form, the Articles of Confederation were comprised of a preamble and 13 articles. The Articles created a nation that was, “a league of friendship and perpetual union.”

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| **Government Structure** |  |
| **Powers of**  **Congress** |  |
| **State**  **Obligations** |  |
| **Weaknesses** |  |
| **General**  **Thoughts…** |  |

**Reflection Questions:**

1. Based on the primary source identify where the Articles of Confederation placed the most government power?
2. What were some of the motives behind the framers decision to form the initial government of the United States as one that limited the power of the central government? **\*Reflect on how the colonists felt about King George and the unjust treatment they experienced under British rule.**