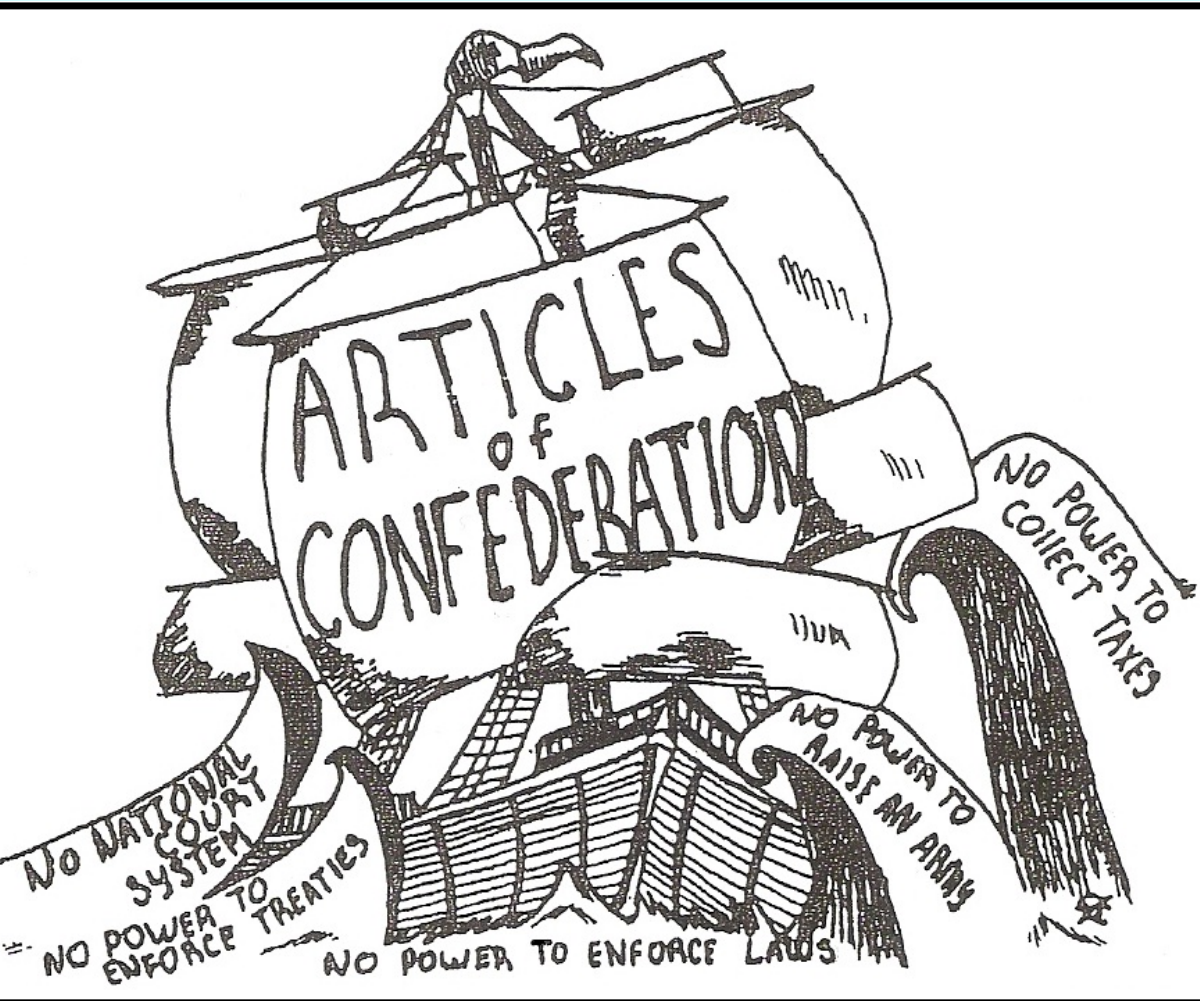


Homework # 15 – Due Tuesday

Aim: Why were the years 1781-1789 called the “Critical Period” in American History?



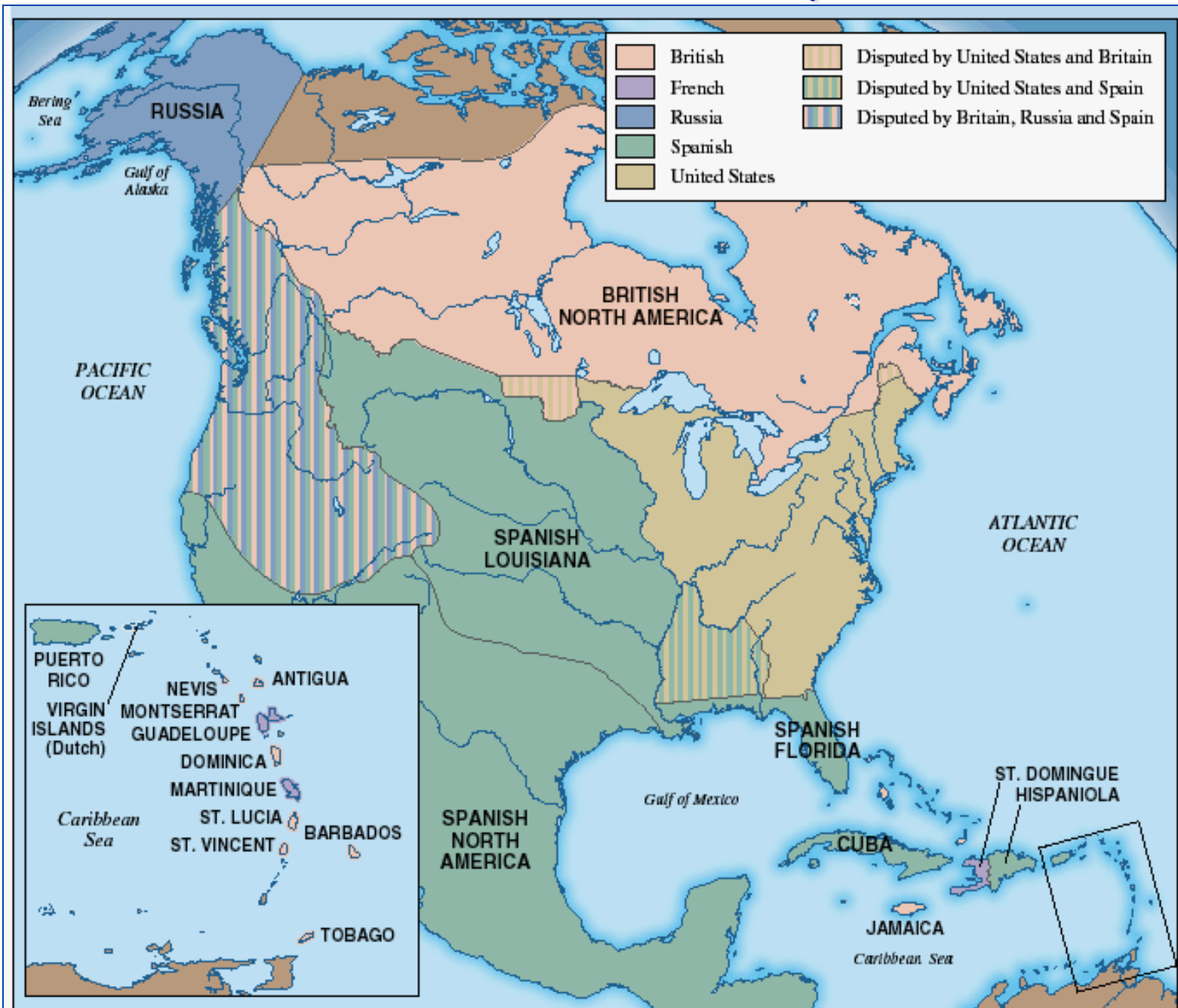
Do Now: What is the main message of the cartoon?

Do you agree with the message? Explain your answer.

The Articles DID
manage to get
ONE thing right.....

What to do with
new land!!!

North America after the Treaty of Paris, 1783



International and Domestic Land Issues

- The U.S. lacked the military power to defend itself against Great Britain and Spain.
- States acted as individual countries and rarely agreed.

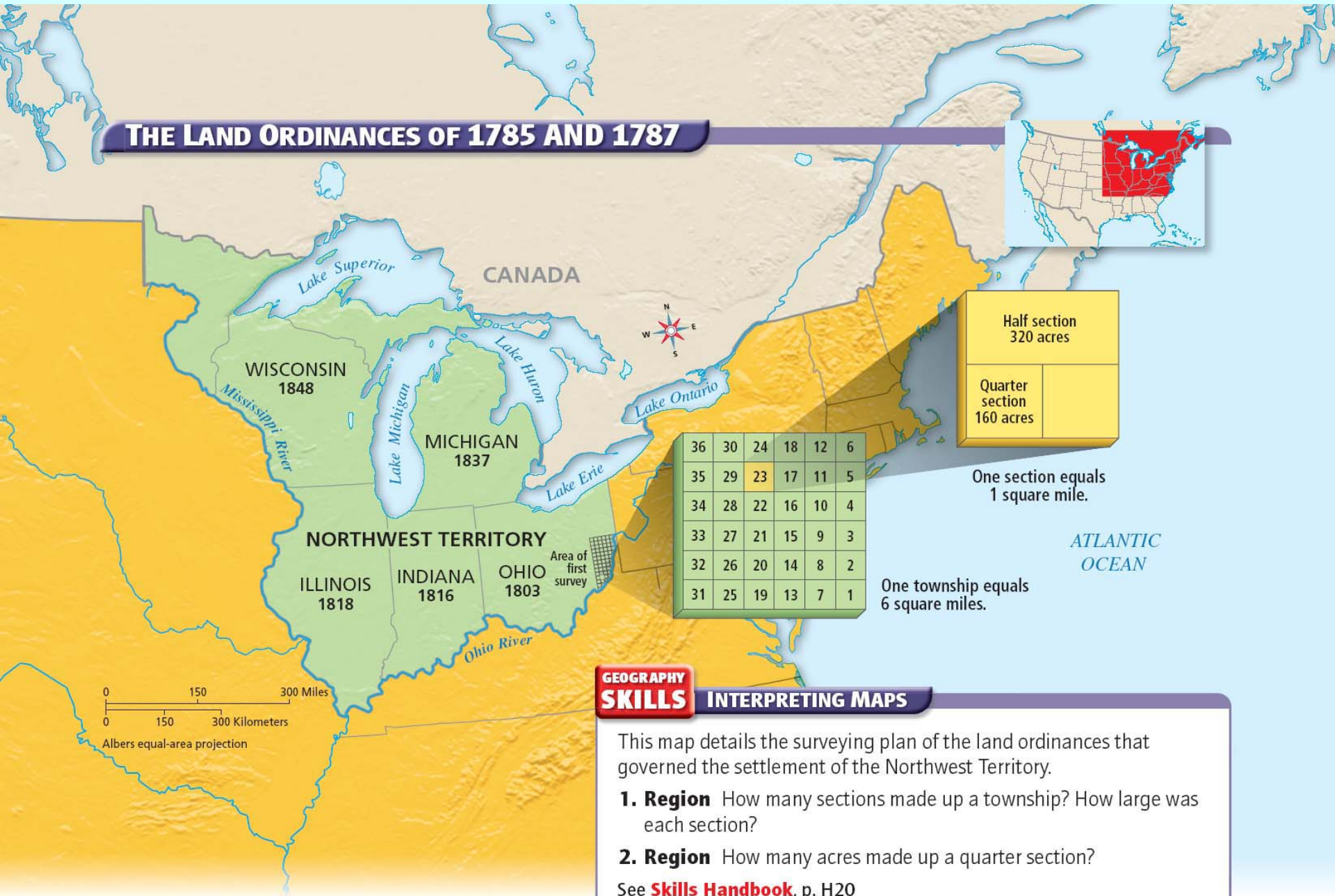
Example:

Connecticut and Virginia almost went to war over land claims!

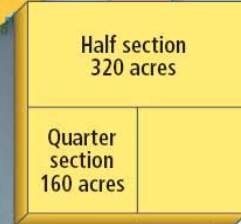


Townships and Sections

THE LAND ORDINANCES OF 1785 AND 1787



36	30	24	18	12	6
35	29	23	17	11	5
34	28	22	16	10	4
33	27	21	15	9	3
32	26	20	14	8	2
31	25	19	13	7	1



One section equals
1 square mile.

One township equals
6 square miles.

GEOGRAPHY SKILLS

INTERPRETING MAPS

This map details the surveying plan of the land ordinances that governed the settlement of the Northwest Territory.

1. Region How many sections made up a township? How large was each section?

2. Region How many acres made up a quarter section?

See **Skills Handbook**, p. H20

1785 & 1787 LAND ORDINANCES: Northwest Territory

- The Articles provided a plan for settlement of new territory
- Newly admitted states would be treated equally
- Slavery was **banned** in the Northwest Territory
- Public (free) education was encouraged!



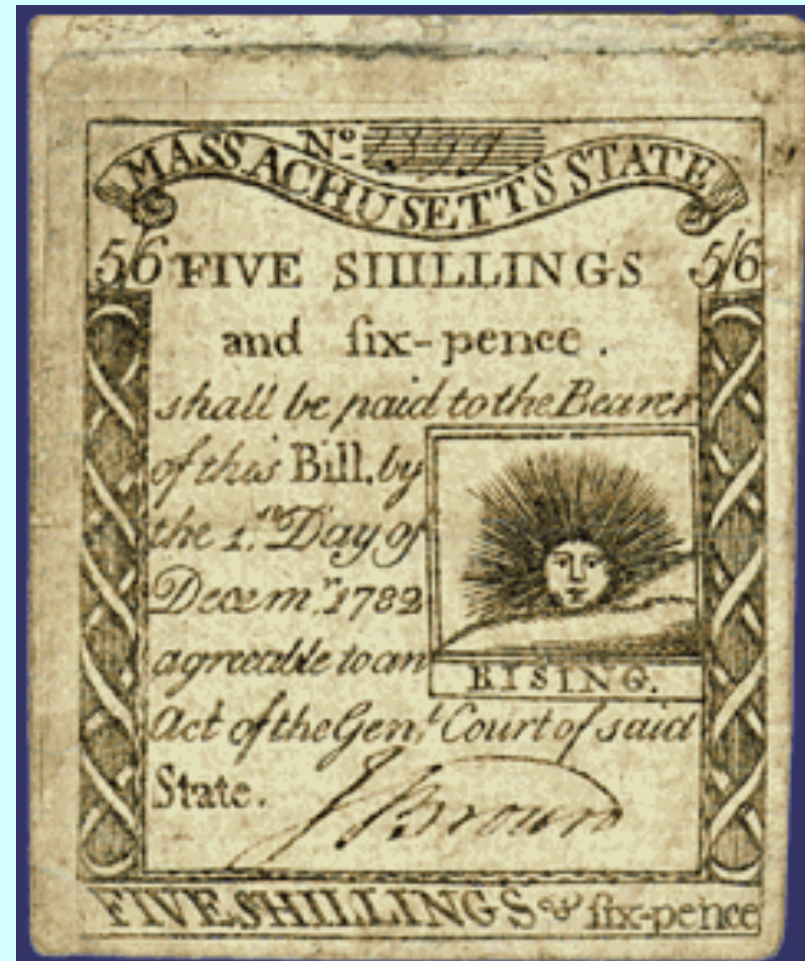
Were the Land Ordinances of 1785 and 1787 helpful or harmful to the new country?

- Considering this is the “Critical Period”, would the plan help the new country? How?
- Can you see anything about these plans that could be harmful at the time or into the future? Explain.



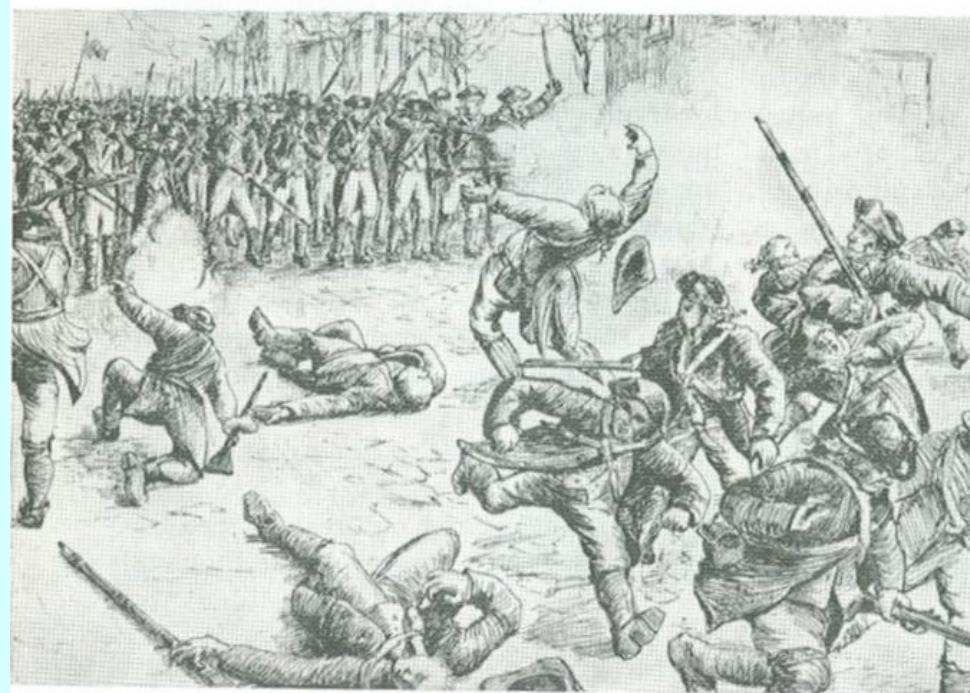
Economic Problems

- The United States did not have a common currency
- No control of commerce (trade) between states
- Congress couldn't collect tolls to create roads, bridges etc.



Shay's Rebellion 1787

- Daniel Shay was a farmer in Massachusetts
- Felt that taxes were too high
- Farmers were losing their land
- Attempted to close the courts
- Militia sent to break up Shay's group
- Washington said:
“What a triumph for our enemies... to find we are incapable of governing ourselves.”



Perspectives on Shay's Rebellion

- Read the two documents and answer the questions for each one.
- Place answers in your notebook in complete sentences.
- Consider - Did this event put the new nation in danger...why or why not?

Why was this the Critical Period?

- Create a list based on the lessons and homework from the last two days.
- Your list should include at least 4 reasons why this was a “critical” period for the USA – meaning, a time when the new country was on the verge of failing.