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The Backbone of the Nation: How the Articles of Confederation Shaped the United States Government

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What challenge did the United States face after declaring independence in 1776?
 - a) Establishing a monarchy
 - b) Rejoining British rule
 - c) Creating a functioning government
 - d) Expanding its territory

2. What was a defining characteristic of the Articles of Confederation regarding the distribution of power?
 - a) Centralized power
 - b) Decentralized power
 - c) Monarchical authority
 - d) Strong executive branch

3. What was the structure of the central government under the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) Bicameral legislature
 - b) Unicameral legislature
 - c) No legislature
 - d) Direct democracy

4. Why were the central government's powers deliberately limited under the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) To establish a monarchy
 - b) To create a strong executive branch
 - c) To prevent the concentration of power
 - d) To impose heavy taxes

5. What major event marked the transition from the Articles of Confederation to the United States Constitution?
 - a) The Revolutionary War
 - b) The Constitutional Convention of 1787
 - c) The signing of the Declaration of Independence
 - d) The Louisiana Purchase

