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

Short Answer

1. What role did the Articles of Confederation play in the formation of the United States government?
2. Explain the structure of the central government established by the Articles of Confederation, including the composition of Congress.
3. What were some of the deliberate limitations placed on the central government's powers under the Articles of Confederation?
4. What were the significant challenges and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation that became apparent over time?
5. How did the shortcomings of the Articles of Confederation lead to the transition to a stronger government through the Constitutional Convention of 1787?

