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

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the deliberate decentralization of power under the Articles of Confederation and the motivations behind this decision. How did this decentralization impact the early United States government?
2. Describe the structure of the central government under the Articles of Confederation, including the role of the Continental Congress and the voting system. How did this structure reflect the Founding Fathers' vision for the nation?
3. Analyze the deliberate limitations placed on the central government's powers under the Articles of Confederation and the reasons behind these limitations. What challenges did these limitations create for the government's effectiveness?
4. Evaluate the legacy of the Articles of Confederation in shaping the United States government. How did the weaknesses of the Articles contribute to the push for a stronger government through the United States Constitution?

