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The Birth of a Nation: Why Were the Articles of Confederation Created?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why were the Articles of Confederation created?
 - a) To establish a strong central government
 - b) To preserve state sovereignty and avoid a strong central authority
 - c) To give individual states complete autonomy
 - d) To create a monarchy similar to Britain

2. What did the Founding Fathers fear when creating the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) Giving too much power to the states
 - b) Another oppressive government like Britain's
 - c) A strong central government with unlimited authority
 - d) The loss of individual state identities

3. What was one major limitation of the central government under the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) The power to tax citizens
 - b) The ability to declare war
 - c) Control over foreign affairs
 - d) Regulation of trade between states

4. Why did the Founding Fathers establish equal representation for states in the Continental Congress?
 - a) To favor larger states
 - b) To maintain a balance of power
 - c) To ensure stronger states had more votes
 - d) To exclude smaller states from decision-making

5. What challenges did the Articles of Confederation face?
 - a) Financial instability due to a lack of taxing authority
 - b) A strong central government
 - c) An effective system for amending the Articles
 - d) Increased power for individual states

