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The First American Government: Exploring the Articles of Confederation

Multiple Choice Questions

1. When were the Articles of Confederation adopted?
 - a) November 15, 1787
 - b) March 1, 1776
 - c) November 15, 1777
 - d) March 1, 1781

2. What was the main purpose of the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) To establish a strong central government
 - b) To grant states the power to tax citizens
 - c) To preserve state sovereignty while creating a central government
 - d) To regulate commerce between states

3. Why did the federal government under the Articles of Confederation struggle to raise funds?
 - a) It had limited authority to tax.
 - b) States were required to fund the federal government.
 - c) Foreign nations refused to provide financial aid.
 - d) The government had an excess of funds.

4. What was a significant weakness of the Articles of Confederation regarding amending the document?
 - a) Amendments required approval from nine out of thirteen states.
 - b) Amendments required unanimous approval from all thirteen states.
 - c) There was no provision for amending the Articles.
 - d) Amendments had to be proposed by a unanimous vote in Congress.

5. What term is often used to describe the period under the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) The Golden Age
 - b) The Revolutionary Period
 - c) The Critical Period
 - d) The Age of Enlightenment

