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The First American Government: Exploring the Articles of Confederation

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Explain the main purpose of the Articles of Confederation and why the Founding Fathers were cautious about creating a strong central government.
2. Discuss at least two significant weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and their impact on the United States during that time.
3. Describe the process for amending the Articles of Confederation and why it proved to be impractical.
4. Analyze the role of the Philadelphia Convention in drafting the United States Constitution and replacing the Articles of Confederation.