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Cracks in the Foundation: Major Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the weaknesses of the central government under the Articles of Confederation and how they contributed to the overall instability of the nation during that period.
2. Analyze the significance of the lack of taxing authority in the Articles of Confederation and its impact on the government's ability to function effectively.
3. Explain the absence of an executive branch in the government structure under the Articles of Confederation and the challenges it presented for governance.
4. Evaluate the consequences of the inflexible process for amending the Articles of Confederation and its role in the eventual adoption of the United States Constitution.

