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New Nation

Short Answer Key

1. The Articles of Confederation were weak because the national government couldn't collect taxes or enforce laws.
2. Britain was America's main trading partner, so losing that trade made it hard for businesses and farmers to sell goods.
3. The U.S. tried to gain respect by showing it could govern itself, build a strong economy, and defend its land.
4. Many people started to think more about freedom and equality, leading some to fight for more rights.
5. The U.S. gained new western lands, but there were conflicts with Native Americans, and leaders had to decide how to divide the land.

