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Representation and Voting in Congress: The Articles of Confederation

Short Answer Key

1. Representation in Congress under the Articles of Confederation was based on an equal representation system, where each state had an equal vote, regardless of its size or population.
2. The primary drawback of the requirement for unanimous agreement to make changes to the Articles of Confederation was the difficulty in amending the document, as it required the unanimous agreement of all 13 states.
3. One limitation of Congress's powers under the Articles of Confederation was its inability to impose taxes.
4. The equal representation system in Congress led to disputes among states because larger states believed it was unfair that smaller states had equal voting power.
5. Congress faced challenges in negotiating treaties and establishing a strong national defense under the Articles of Confederation due to its limited powers and inability to enforce decisions effectively.

