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The Downfall of the Articles of Confederation: Why Did They Ultimately Fail?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was one of the primary reasons for the failure of the Articles of Confederation?

a) Strong central government

b) Effective taxation authority

c) Weak central government

d) Stable national currency

2. How did the Articles of Confederation address the issue of taxation?

a) It allowed the central government to levy taxes directly on individuals.

b) It relied on voluntary contributions from the states.

c) It imposed taxes uniformly on all citizens.

d) It established a national tax collection agency.

3. What economic challenges did the United States face during the period of the Articles of Confederation?

a) Low inflation and balanced trade

b) Stable national currency and regulated trade

c) High inflation, trade imbalances, and lack of a unified currency

d) Low inflation, trade surpluses, and a unified currency

4. Why did the central government under the Articles of Confederation struggle to conduct effective foreign relations?

a) It had strong diplomatic capabilities.

b) It required unanimous consent from the states for treaties.

c) It had the authority to negotiate treaties without state involvement.

d) It could impose tariffs on foreign goods.

5. What event highlighted the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and their inability to respond effectively to domestic unrest?

a) The Boston Tea Party

b) The Boston Massacre

c) Shays' Rebellion

d) The Whiskey Rebellion