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The Articles of Confederation: A Weak Central Government

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why was the central government created by the Articles of Confederation intentionally weak?
 - a) To prevent states from gaining too much power
 - b) To establish a monarchy
 - c) To create a strong executive branch
 - d) To make it easier to impose taxes

2. What was the major problem with the currency system under the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) Each state had its own currency.
 - b) There was no currency at all.
 - c) The central government controlled all currency.
 - d) Foreign currencies were preferred for trade.

3. Why couldn't the central government maintain a standing army under the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) States refused to provide soldiers.
 - b) There was no need for an army.
 - c) It couldn't afford to maintain an army.
 - d) The central government had too much power over the military.

4. Why was it nearly impossible to amend the Articles of Confederation?
 - a) Because the central government had too much power.
 - b) Because all 13 states had to agree unanimously.
 - c) Because the states had no say in the amendments.
 - d) Because foreign nations didn't allow amendments.

5. What event highlighted the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation when it erupted in Massachusetts in 1786?
 - a) The Boston Tea Party
 - b) The American Revolution
 - c) The Constitutional Convention
 - d) Shays' Rebellion

