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## The Articles of Confederation: A Weak Central Government

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine you are a delegate at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. How would you justify the need for a stronger central government to your fellow delegates, considering the shortcomings of the Articles of Confederation?
2. Discuss the impact of Shays' Rebellion on the perception of the Articles of Confederation among the American people.
3. Do you think the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation were intentional, or were they unintended consequences of the new government's design? Explain your reasoning.
4. If you were in charge of amending the Articles of Confederation, what changes would you propose to make the central government more effective? Explain your choices.

