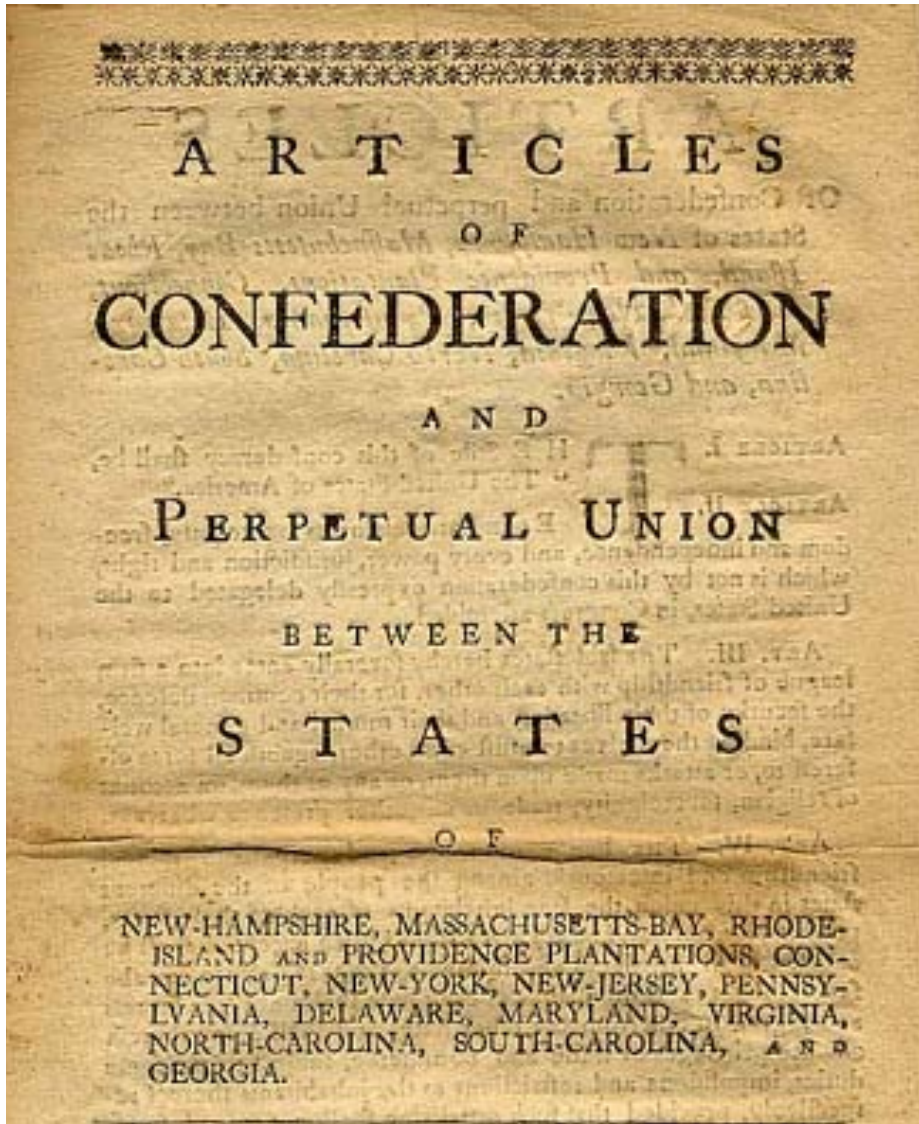


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THE ARTICLES
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ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION



- **1st national government of the United States**
- **Government could:**
 - **Conduct foreign policy, borrow money, make treaties**
- **Created a central government with limited power**
 - **Each state had its sovereignty and independence**
 - **Reasons for weak central government?**



ROYALS!


and we will never be
ROYALS!

POLITICAL WEAKNESSES

- 🙄 **No executive branch**
- 🙄 **No national court system**
- 🙄 **Had a unicameral Congress**
- 🙄 **One vote for each state regardless of size**
- 🙄 **Amendment to articles required unanimous consent of all states**
- 🙄 **To pass a law required 9 out of 13 states to agree**
- 🙄 **“Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence.”**



Economic Weaknesses

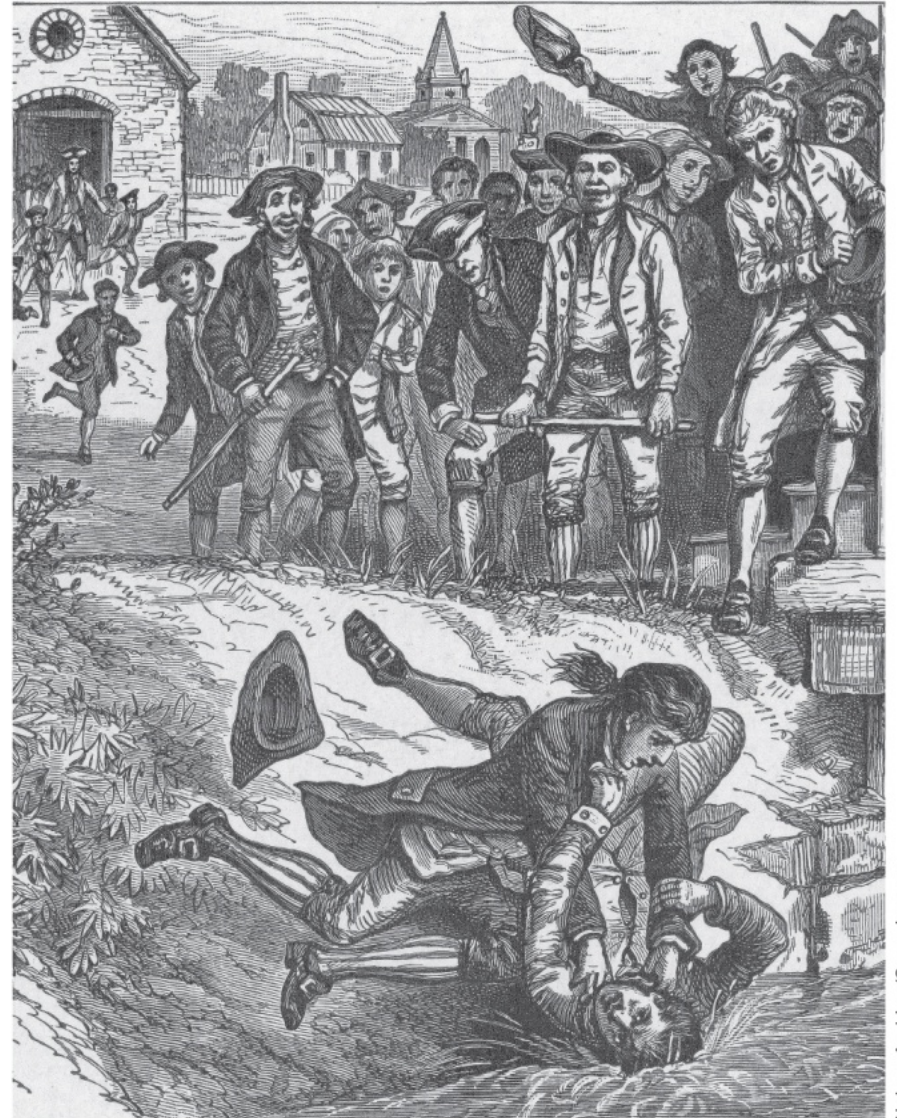
-  Congress could not impose taxes
-  Congress could not regulate commerce
-  Individual states could impose tariffs on other states

Reasons the Articles will NOT be able to get the young nations
MONEY
RIGHT



Shay's Rebellion

- **Background: Crappy economy, farm foreclosures**
- **Shay's Rebellion (1786-87)**
Daniel Shay, veteran of the revolution in Mass. led a rebellion of poor farmers
 - **Demands: lower taxes, end of foreclosures, end of imprisonment for debt, etc.**
- **Government was TOO WEAK to put the rebellion down**
 - **Increased calls for a stronger central government**
 - **Fear of anarchy amongst the propertied class**



Annapolis Convention (1786)

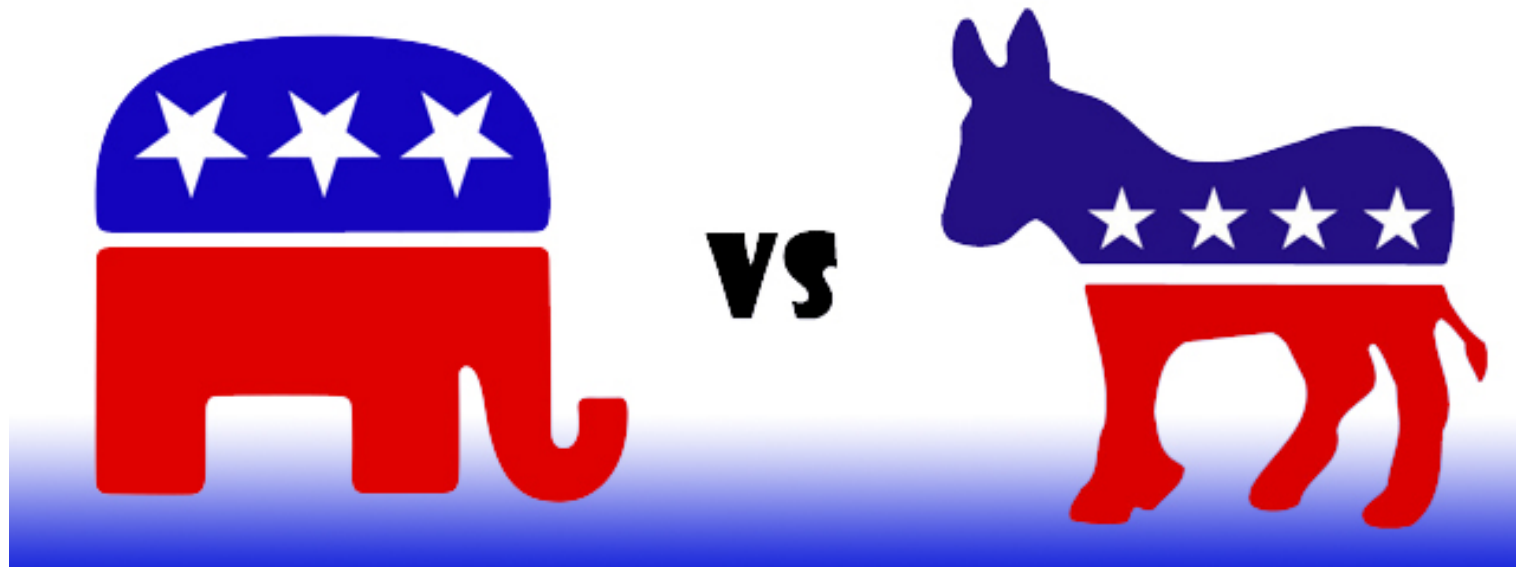


Actual convention

- **Annapolis Convention**
(September 1786):
5 states meet to discuss trade and commerce
 - **Plan to meet up in Philly in 1 year**
 - **May 1787-**
Constitutional Convention

Why does all this matter?

- **The Articles of Confederation created a weak central government**
- **The Constitutional Convention created a strong national government**
- **We continue to debate the power of the federal government**



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