

Name _____

Lessons From The Articles Answer Key

Student responses will vary. Key ideas may include:

- The Articles made the national government too weak.
- Congress could not collect taxes or enforce laws.
- States argued with each other over trade and boundaries.
- Decisions required too many states to agree, slowing action.
- A stronger central government was needed to protect rights and maintain order.

A strong student explanation should clearly:

1. Identify a specific weakness in the Articles, and
2. Explain how the Constitution improved that weakness.

Teacher's Guide

- Encourage students to use vocabulary from previous lessons such as: national government, states' powers, Congress, Constitution, amendments.
- Give sentence starters for support:
 - "One lesson learned was that..."
 - "This helped shape the Constitution by..."
- Quick share-out option: Students read their best sentence to a partner before turning in their exit ticket.
- Differentiation:
 - Allow extended responses for advanced learners.
 - Provide a brief outline for students who struggle with writing organization.
- Extension idea: Have students predict what challenges the new Constitution might still face and how leaders could address them.