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Article Riddles Answer Key

1. Constitutional Convention
2. Articles of Confederation
3. Shays' Rebellion
4. Congress
5. Unanimous approval rule (or "all 13 states must agree")
6. U.S. Constitution
7. Federal government (or National government)
8. Confederation

Teacher's Guide

- Preview key events and terms through a short warm-up discussion before students begin.
- Encourage context clue skills by having students underline keywords in each riddle (e.g., "1787," "debts and taxes," "make treaties").
- **Differentiation options:**
 - Provide a simplified word bank for emerging learners.
 - Challenge advanced students to write two original riddles and quiz a partner.
- **Engagement strategy:** Turn answers into a timeline on the board showing how weaknesses led to reform.
- **Extension idea:** Students write a short paragraph explaining why solving these riddles helps them understand how the Articles of Confederation shaped the nation's next steps.