

## Rebellion Revealed Answer Key

Evidence of government weakness may include underlining any of the following ideas/phrases:

- High taxes leading to anger and debt
- Loss of farms due to unpaid debts
- Congress had no money for soldiers
- Congress could not force states to provide troops
- National government could not act quickly
- Government could not protect order during crisis

(Any correctly identified phrases showing weak national power earns full credit.)

### Teacher's Guide

- Before reading, review key concepts: state vs. national power, post-war economic struggles, and the purpose of the Articles of Confederation.
- Model reading strategies such as highlighting cause/effect: "What caused the rebellion? What did the government fail to do?"
- **Differentiation:**
  - Provide vocabulary support for words like "militia," "uprising," and "debt."
  - Pair students to discuss evidence before marking it.
- **Engagement idea:** Have students take on roles (farmer, state leader, member of Congress) to discuss how each person might feel during the rebellion.
- **Extension activity:** Students write a short response explaining how Shays' Rebellion convinced leaders that the United States needed a stronger national government, leading to the Constitutional Convention.