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Articles Detective

Directions: Read each excerpt from the Articles of Confederation. Highlight or underline any clues that show how difficult it was for the states to work together under this government plan.



1. "Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power not clearly given to Congress."
2. "No state shall be hindered from taxing goods brought in from other states."
3. "The United States in Congress assembled shall never engage in war... unless nine states agree."
4. "Expenses of the United States... shall be paid by the states in proportion to their wealth, collected by the states themselves."
5. "Each state shall maintain its own militia, commanded by officers chosen by the state."
6. "The Articles of Confederation shall be altered only when every state agrees."

Questions

A. Choose one excerpt and explain in 2-3 sentences why it might make coordination between states challenging.

B. In your own words, why is cooperation between states important for a nation?
