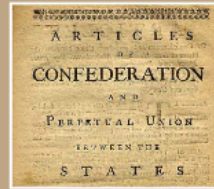


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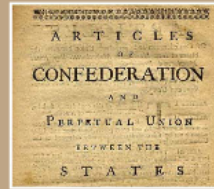
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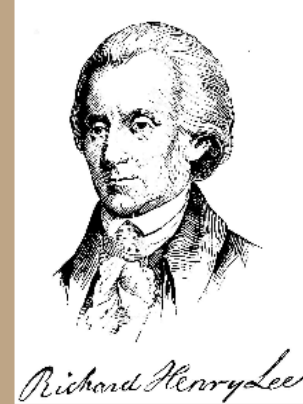
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Why did the Founders believe that a national government was necessary?

1. To unify the states
2. To conduct war.
3. Control trade and manage conflicts among states.
4. To relate to the rest of the world.



June 7, 1776



Richard Henry Lee introduced two proposals to the Second Continental Congress. He proposed:

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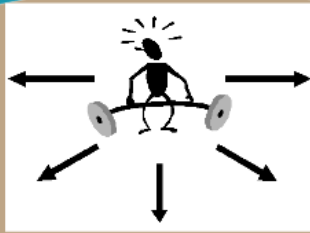
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Agreement to independence signed in 1776.
Required the separation of America from Great Britain.
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4. Passed the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.
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The western settlers were guaranteed freedom of religion, the right to trial by jury, and due process of law.

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States thought they were more important than the federal government.

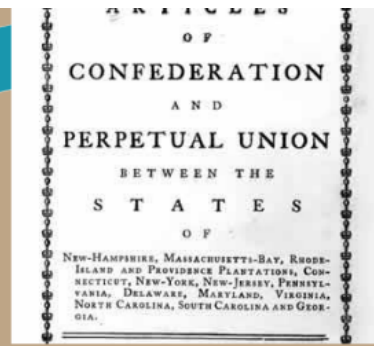


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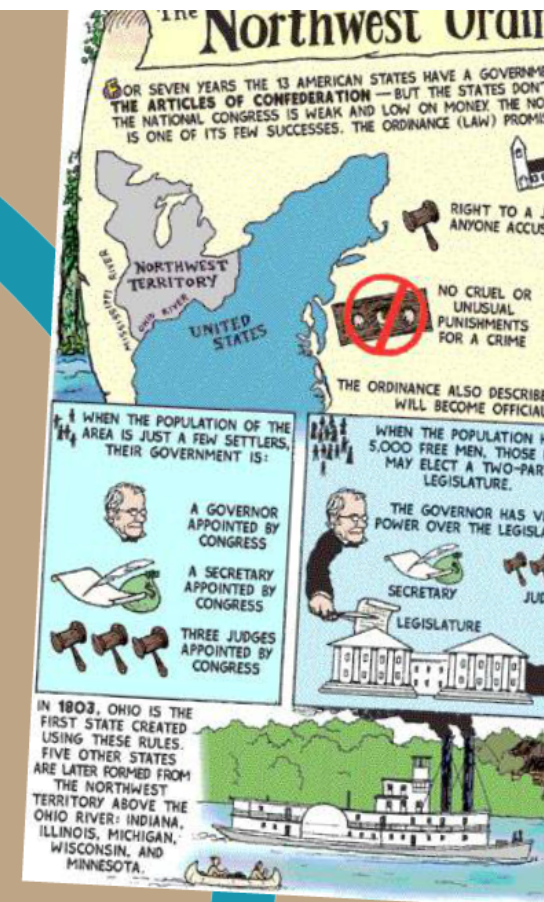


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Achievements

1. Waged war for independence against Britain.
2. Negotiated the peace treaty, known as the Treaty of Paris, to end the American Revolution.
3. Provided each state to recognize the laws of the other states. Example: marriage in one state would be valid in all other states, travel freely from state to state and criminals were sent back to their state in which crime was committed.



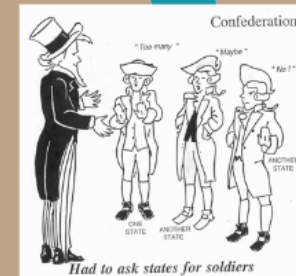
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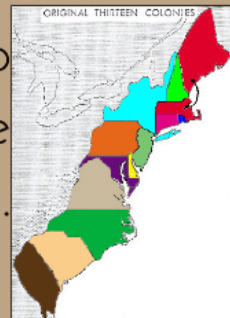
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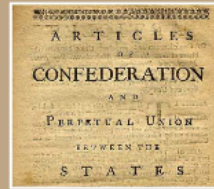
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