

Exercise walk-through

The Articles of Confederation ■ 3.7

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what the Articles created
- name the five difficulties that led to calls for a stronger government
- state what many new state constitutions did
- state the three provisions of the Northwest Ordinance

Method — What they created

The Articles of Confederation unified the newly independent states, creating a central government with limited power. Both halves: they did unify, and the power was limited by design.

Method — Five difficulties

International trade, finances, interstate commerce, foreign relations, and internal unrest led to calls for a stronger central government.

Method — State constitutions

Many new state constitutions placed power in the hands of the legislative branch and maintained property qualifications for voting and citizenship. The revolution did not remove the property qualification.

Method — Northwest Ordinance

As settlers moved westward in the 1780s, Congress enacted it for admitting new states; it **promoted public education, the protection of private property, and a ban on slavery in the Northwest Territory**. A working achievement of the Articles government.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what the Articles created.

Solution 2.1

Method: What they created

Worked steps

they unified the newly independent states **B1**, creating a central government with limited power **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name four of the five difficulties.

Solution 2.2

Method: Five difficulties

Worked steps

any four of: international trade; finances; interstate commerce; foreign relations; internal unrest **B2**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

The Northwest Ordinance was a working achievement.

(a) Name its three provisions.

(b) State what many state constitutions maintained.

Solution 2.3

Method: Northwest Ordinance

Worked steps

(a) public education; the protection of private property; a ban on slavery in the Northwest Territory **B3**. (b) property qualifications for voting and citizenship **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Many new state constitutions placed power in

A the legislative branch

B the executive

C the courts

D the army

Solution 3.1

Method: State constitutions

A the legislative branch



B the executive

C the courts

D the army

Worked steps

A. the legislative branch.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The Northwest Ordinance banned

A slavery in the Northwest Territory

B public education

C private property

D new states

Solution 3.2

Method: Northwest Ordinance

A slavery in the Northwest Territory



B public education

C private property

D new states

Worked steps

A. slavery in the Northwest Territory.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A student describes the Articles government as a total failure.

- (a) State what this overlooks.
- (b) Explain the accurate description.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

- (a) that the Articles unified the states and produced the Northwest Ordinance **B1**.
- (b) they created a central government with deliberately limited power **B1** which proved inadequate to specific difficulties, not to everything **B1**.