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**The Articles of Confederation**

**Background**:

During the American Revolution, the colonies needed to coordinate their efforts against Britain. They created an emergency government to raise money for the war effort called the Continental Congress. After the Revolution, the colonies were officially independent from Great Britain. They needed to create a system of government to run this new nation. The first system created was known as The Article of Confederation and was adopted on November 15, 1777. In its final form, the Articles of Confederation were comprised of a preamble and 13 articles. The Articles created a nation that was, “a league of friendship and perpetual union.”

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| Government Structure |  |
| Powers of  Congress |  |
| State  Obligations |  |
| Weaknesses |  |
| General  Thoughts… |  |

Questions:

1. Where did the Articles of Confederation place the most government power?
2. Why do you think the first government of the U.S. was set this way? (HINT…remember how the colonists felt about King George and their experiences under British rule).