

Section Focus Activity 7-1 ★ ★ ★ ★

National Government Under the Articles of Confederation

★ Under the Articles, do you think one state could place an import tax on another state?

★ Why do you think the writers of the Articles of Confederation did not want a president?

★ Do you think the writers of the Articles of Confederation wanted a strong, or a weak national government? Explain.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Congress Could	Congress Could Not
Maintain an army and navy	Levy taxes on states
Declare war and peace	Prevent states from issuing their own money
Make treaties and alliances with other nations	Elect a president
Borrow money	Amend the articles without the consent of all 13 states
Establish a post office	Require states to provide money for running the national government
Regulate coinage	Regulate trade and commerce
Manage affairs with Native Americans	Enforce a law in any state that did not accept that law