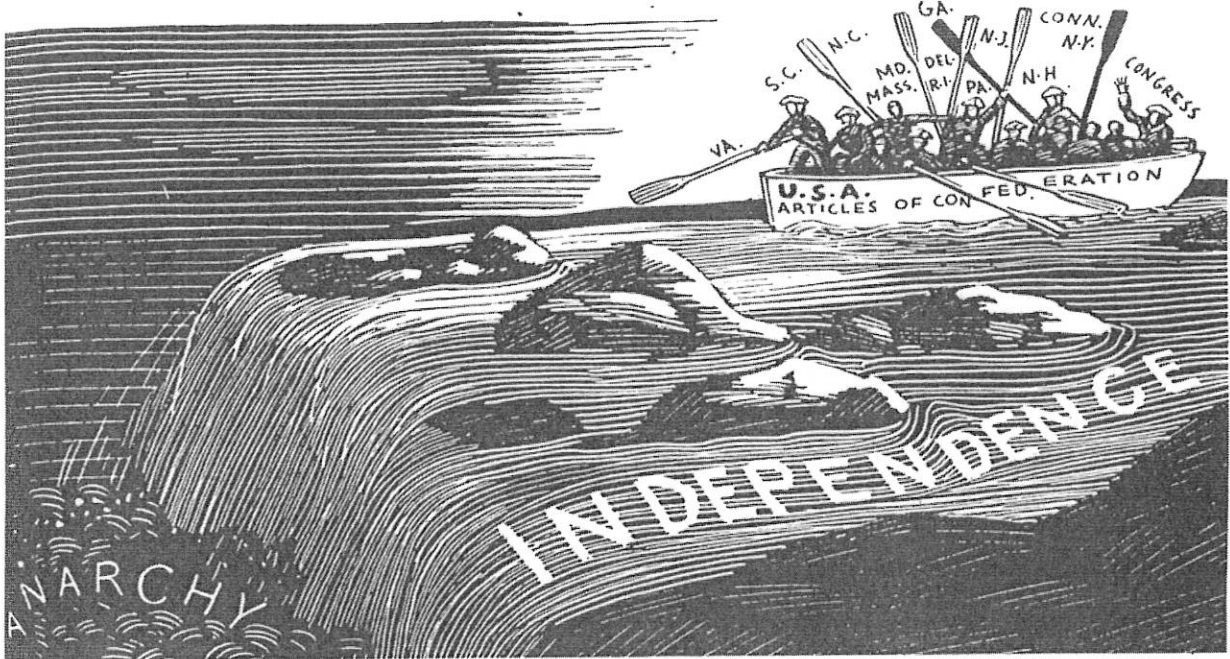


Articles of Confederation Political Cartoon Analysis

THE CRITICAL PERIOD: 1783 - 1789



1. What do you see in this political cartoon and who do the people in the boat symbolize?
2. Explain why the author labeled the water at the top of the waterfall Independence? (notice what the boat must avoid in the water)
3. What is the condition at the bottom of the waterfall? What does this word mean? (what will happen to the boat if the boat continues to move over the waterfall?)
4. Are the people in the boat working together effectively to navigate the boat to safety? Give reasons for your answer.
5. What conditions or actions are necessary in order for the boat to avoid disaster?
6. What circumstances confronting the United States during the "Critical Period" from 1783 to 1789 is the cartoonist depicting in the cartoon? What is this cartoon's big idea?