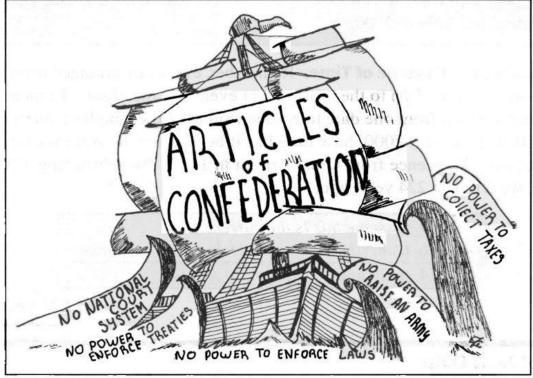


- 1. When the \_\_\_\_\_ approved the Declaration of Independence on \_\_\_\_\_, the 13 colonies, in fact, became 13 \_\_\_\_\_, independent states.
- 2. Each new American state wrote its own \_\_\_\_\_ and set up its own \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Each state had a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, and courts to \_\_\_\_\_ the laws.
- 4. As the war was being fought against \_\_\_\_\_, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia realized they needed a functioning \_\_\_\_\_ to organize the war effort.
- 5. In 1781, the Continental Congress announced "a firm league of \_\_\_\_\_" detailed in a document called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a loose association of independent states.



"Rough Sailing Ahead?"