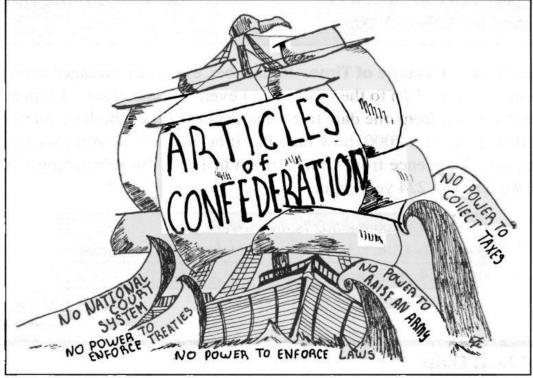


- 1. When the _____ approved the Declaration of Independence on _____, the 13 colonies, in fact, became 13 _____, independent states.
- 2. Each new American state wrote its own _____ and set up its own _____.
- 3. Each state had a _____, a ____, and courts to _____ the laws.
- 4. As the war was being 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?"