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*Experimenting with Confederation* Notes

1. Define the following key terms:

**Republic**

**Republicanism**

**Articles of the Confederation**

**Confederation**

**Land Ordinance of 1785**

**Northwest Ordinance of 1787**

2. Describe the powers given to the national government by the Articles of the Confederation:

**Articles of the Confederation**

**National Government**

3. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of the Confederation? Put a star next to the most serious problem.

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|  | Articles could be amended only if all states approved. |
| Congress could not regulate interstate or foreign trade. | There was no executive branch to enforce the laws of Congress. |
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| 9 out of 13 states had to agree to pass important laws. |  |

3. Why were the states afraid of centralized authority and a strong national government? Consider what life was like when the colonies were under British rule. Did they like having a monarch that controlled them?

4. What was the main problem with the system of representation by state (rather than by population) that was adopted by the Confederation?