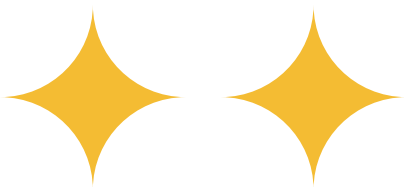
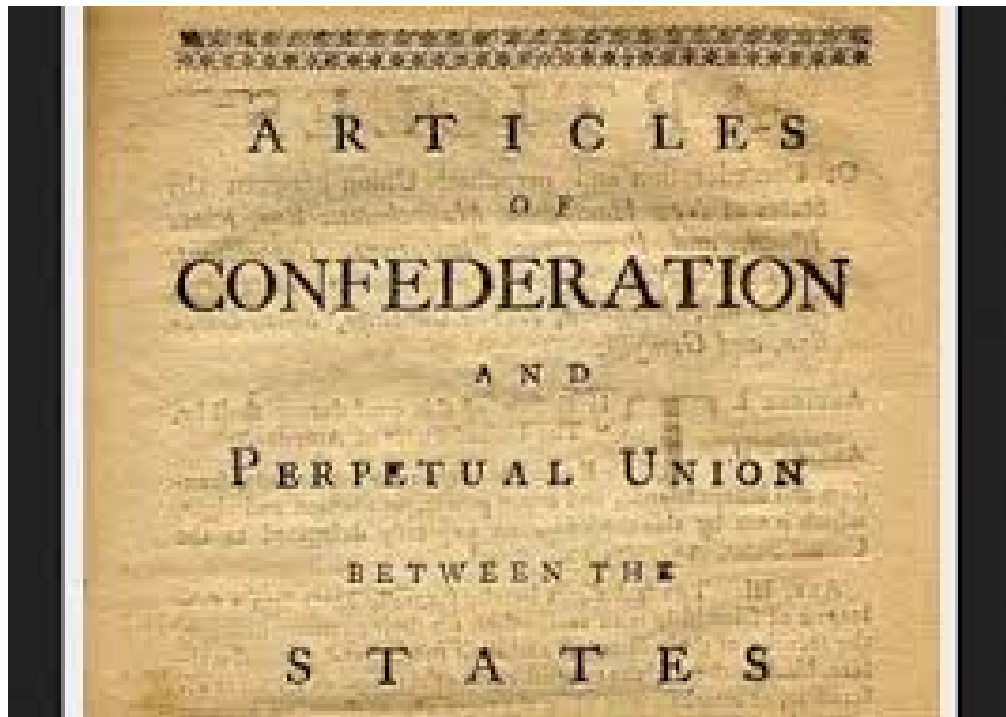




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Introduction...

The Articles of Confederation served as the first constitution of the United States. This document officially established the government of the union of the thirteen states.

We know about the thirteen colonies right?

The colonies knew they needed some form of official government that united the thirteen colonies. They wanted to have written down rules that all the states agreed to.

Who wrote it.....

The Articles of Confederation was first prepared by a committee of thirteen men from the Second Continental Congress.

The chairman of the committee and primary author of the first draft was John Dickinson. For the Articles to be official, they had to be ratified (approved) by all thirteen states. The Congress sent the articles to the states to be ratified near the end of 1777.

Interesting Facts....



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The formal name for the document is the "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union."

The reason some of the states, like Maryland, took so long to ratify the Articles was because they were involved in border disputes with other states.

Ben Franklin introduced an early version of the Articles of Confederation in 1775. In his version the union was called the "United Colonies of North America."

John Dickinson was nicknamed the "Penman of the Revolution" for his early revolutionary work Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania. He also wrote the Olive Branch Petition and a famous Revolutionary War song called The Liberty Song.



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