

Do we need any government?



What would happen without an organized government of any kind?

What were the colonists most afraid of in forming a new government?



REPUBLIC – a government in which the people chose representatives to govern them



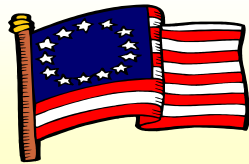
In 1776 the Continental Congress passed a plan for a national government – THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION



The national government would be run by a Continental Congress



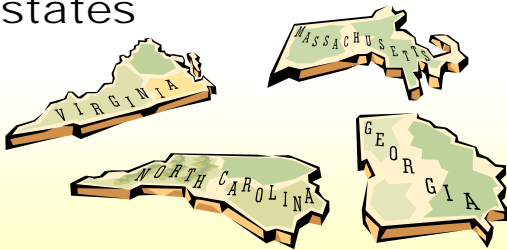
All the states approved the Articles of Confederation in 1781 and it became the official government



The national government could wage war, make peace, sign treaties, and issue money



The Articles of Confederation left most of the power to the states



The Articles did negotiate a peace with England after the war and set up a plan to organize the Northwestern Territory

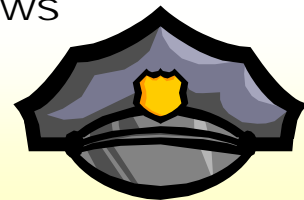


The Articles created a very weak national government and had many weaknesses



WEAKNESSES OF THE ARTICLES:

1) Lacked power to enforce laws



WEAKNESSES OF THE ARTICLES:

2) Lacked the power to levy taxes



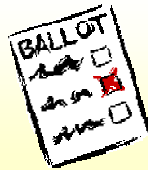
WEAKNESSES OF THE ARTICLES:

3) Could not regulate trade between the states



WEAKNESSES OF THE ARTICLES:

4) All 13 states had to vote yes to change the Articles



Other weaknesses included no military, no President, no national court system, no national control over trade with other countries

The Articles of Confederation become a temporary solution

