**Section 3 – Articles of Confederation**

1. Articles

* **Articles of Confederation –**
* **Confederation –**
* Intended to create a “league of friendship”

B. Government Under the Articles

* Each state acted like its own separate country – State sovereignty
* **Weak central government –**
* **Unicameral –**
* Each state was given one vote regardless of population
* No executive branch
* No judicial branch

C. Problems Following Revolutionary War

* Thousands of dollars of personal property had been destroyed
* Foreign trade was slowed
* Most urgent problem was raising money to pay back huge war debts

D. Weakness of Articles

* Laws were hard to pass – needed a super majority (9 of 13 states)
* Almost impossible to amend Articles – needed all 13 states – **Major flaw**
* Congress could not tax people – had to beg for money
* **1785 –**
* **1786 –**
* No power to regulate trade
* No power to raise an army
* **1786 –**
* No power to coin money
* No executive branch made it impossible to enforce laws
* No judicial branch made it impossible to settle disputes

E. Shays’s Rebellion

* **Daniel Shays –**
* Farmers with pitchforks take over courthouse – slight exaggeration!
* Federal government couldn’t end crisis for 3 months **– Militia finally ends rebellion**
* Caused Americans to agree to a stronger government - Wake up call for Americans

F. Confederation Fails

* **Main Success –**
* States refused to give federal government any power
* People from different states did not feel connected to each other
* Unable to pay back huge war debt
* **Annapolis Convention** -