

The Story of Our Constitution

- 1) After independence, each colony became an independent state**
- 2) Articles of Confederation (A.O.C.)**
 - a. First Gov. of USA**
 - i. Each state had one vote in Congress**
 - ii. Congress has to ASK for revenue from states**
 - iii. Could direct Army/Navy**
 - iv. Could declare war**
 - v. Conducted foreign relations**
- 3) Weaknesses of A.O.C.**
 - a. No power to tax**
 - b. No power to raise troops**
 - c. No Executive or Judicial branch**
 - d. No power to regulate interstate trade**
 - e. All 13 states needed for amendments**
- 4) Problems under the A.O.C.**
 - a. Shays' Rebellion showed true weaknesses**
 - b. Call to revise the A.O.C.**
- 5) Constitutional Convention**
 - a. Delegates agreed to throw out A.O.C.**
 - b. Agreed on need for Executive and Judicial**
 - c. Virginia Plan = Population (House of Reps)**
 - d. New Jersey Plan = Equal representation (Senate)**
 - e. Great Compromise = Form Bicameral Congress**
 - f. Electoral College chooses president.**