

Rule Table

Rule	Example
Identify the historical context of the Articles of Confederation.	Understand the events leading up to the drafting of the Articles, such as the end of the Revolutionary War.
Analyze the key articles within the Articles of Confederation.	Examine Article II, which emphasizes the sovereignty of each state.
Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.	Strength: The Articles helped unify the states during the war. Weakness: The lack of a strong central government led to economic instability.
Connect the Articles of Confederation to subsequent historical events and documents.	Discuss how the weaknesses of the Articles led to the Constitutional Convention and the drafting of the U.S. Constitution.
Reflect on the impact of the Articles of Confederation on modern American government.	Consider how the emphasis on state sovereignty in the Articles influences current debates on federal vs. state power.