The Critical Period

Origins of American Government

**Articles of Confederation**

1. **Nov. 15th, 1777 created**

2. **Ratified 3/1/1781**

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**Governmental Structure**

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5. **Not called President, called presiding officer.**

**Powers of Congress**

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5. **Establish a post office**

6. **Build and Army and Navy**

7. **Settle disputes among states**

**State Obligations**

1.

2.

3. **Surrender fugitives from one state to another.**

4. **Must protect life and property**

**7 Weaknesses of the Articles**

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6. **9 of 13 needed to pass laws**

7. **Articles only changed with all 13 states agreeing**

**Annapolis Convention**

1. **Sept. 11th, 1786**

2. **Only 5 of 13 states show up to discuss commerce**

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**Critical Period**

1.
2. **States fought, created own armies, and made agreements with other nations**

**Shays Rebellion**

1. **1786**

2.

3. **Never paid for fighting in the Revolution**

4. **Mass. Investors closed on mortgages**

5. **No court system to solve problems**

6.