

Experiencing the Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Classroom Experience

Class was divided into 13 groups.

Each group of students had one vote.

Students tried to program a radio.

The radio was never programmed.

Some students became dissatisfied, angry, and frustrated.

Articles of Confederation

The Confederation Congress was composed of 13 states.

Each state had one vote in the Confederation Congress.

The Confederation Congress dealt with many problems, such as how to develop the western lands acquired by the United States in the Treaty of Paris.

The Confederation Congress failed to resolve disputes between states over taxes and boundaries.

Many citizens were concerned that the confederation government was too weak.