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# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

## Articles of Confederation I-VI

**DIRECTIONS:** 1) Make an educated guess as to the meaning of each article. Be sure to write it in your own words. 2) Explain why the colonists wanted this statute in their first governing document. (HINT: The words in **BOLD** can help you understand its meaning.)

ARTICLES OF **Confederation** AND **Perpetual Union** BETWEEN THE STATES OF  
New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, and Providence plantations, Connecticut,  
New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina,  
South Carolina, and Georgia.

**Article I.** THE **style** of this **confederacy** shall be "The UNITED STATES of AMERICA".

- 1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Article II.** Each state **retains** its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled.

- 1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Article III.** The said states hereby severally enter into a **firm league of friendship** with each other for their common defence, the security of their liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, **binding themselves** to assist each other against all force offered to or attacks made upon them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other pretence whatever.

- 1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Article IV.** The better to **secure** and **perpetuate** mutual friendship and Intercourse among the **people** of the different states in this union, the free inhabitants of each of these states, (paupers, vagabonds, and fugitives from justice, excepted) shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of free citizens in the several states; and the people of each state shall have free ingress and regress **to and from any other state**, and shall enjoy therein all the privileges of trade and commerce, subject to the same duties, impositions, and restrictions, as the inhabitants thereof respectively. [...]

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**Article V.** For the more convenient management of the general interests of the United States, **delegates** shall be annually appointed, in such manner as the legislature of each state shall direct, to **meet in Congress** on the first Monday in November , in every year, with a power reserved to each state to recall its delegates, or any of them, at any time within the year, and to send others in their stead for the remainder of the year. [...] In determining questions in the United States, in Congress assembled, each state shall have **one vote**. **Freedom of speech and debate** in Congress shall not be impeached or questioned in any court, or place, [...]

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_

**Article VI.** No state, **without the consent** of the United States in Congress assembled, shall send any embassy to or receive any embassy from, or enter into any conference, agreement, alliance, or treaty with, any king, prince, or state; nor shall any person holding any office of profit or trust under the United States, or any of them, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state; nor shall the United States in Congress assembled, or any of them, grant any title of nobility. [...]

1) Meaning = \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reason for Including it = \_\_\_\_\_