

Visual Summary

Confederation to Constitution



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1777

Continental Congress passes the Articles of Confederation.

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1777-1781

States debate ratification of the Articles of Confederation.

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1781
Articles of Confederation go into effect.

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1786

Annapolis Convention is held.

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1786-1787
Shays's Rebellion occurs.

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1787

Constitutional Convention is held in Philadelphia.

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1788
U.S. Constitution is ratified.

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1789

Government created by the new Constitution takes power.

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1791

Bill of Rights is added to the Constitution.

