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Ch1.3 Snippets: The Articles of Confederation

Government Structure	
Congress- sole body ()	
• No branch	
• A "presiding officer" would be chosen from within	
Civil officers appointed by	
Powers of Congress	
• Make and	
Send and receive	
• Make	
Borrow money & set upsystem	
• Build	
Raise anby asking	for troops
State ObligationsBy agreeing to the Articles states had to:	WeaknessesCongress did not have power to
• Provide	Congress could not regulate
• Sendwhen requested	• Nobranch
• Comply with acts of	States could print their own
• Treatof other states fairly	Could not make the follow
• Surrenderfrom justice	the Articles
Open travel andbetween states	ALLstates had to agree to change the document
The Critical Period	
• Each state was eager to run its own	
Foreign hesitant to deal with	a government with so little power
• US owed overto foreign countries for the war	
• The Confederation Congress had no power to	raise money to pay debts
Different statelimits trade	
Meeting at Annapolis Leaders demand that something be done to make the centre	al government stronger
• Joint meeting of all states called in Annapolis in 1786	
Onlystates attended	

_the next summer

Conference calls for a convention of <u>ALL</u> states in _____