Guided Reading

A More Perfect Union

Lesson 1 The Articles of Confederation

ESSENTIAL QUESTION
Why do people form governments?

The Making of a Republic

Answering Questions As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. Listing List four powers of the government under the Articles of Confederation.

2. Explaining Explain whether the Confederation government was strong or weak in the area of trade relations.

3. Explaining What kind of military force did the Confederation government have?

4. Identifying What kind of government is a republic?

5. Specifying Under the Articles, how many states had to approve a new law?

6. Explaining Why did the Continental Congress have difficulty raising money?
# Policies for Western Lands

**Listing** In each numbered part of the chart, write one provision of each land ordinance.

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4. **Specifying** How were townships divided under the Ordinance of 1785?

5. **Explaining** What was the purpose of the bill of rights in the Northwest Ordinance?

6. **Analyzing** What was the importance of the Northwest Ordinance?

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7. **Predicting** How do you think the Northwest Ordinance affected Native Americans?
Problems at Home and Abroad

**Reading for Accuracy** Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

1. Money printed during the American Revolution increased in value.

2. The war left Congress in debt.

3. Congress had paid soldiers in full for military service in the war.

4. Congress lacked the power to tax and couldn’t pay its debts.

5. Robert Morris proposed a 10 percent tax on imported goods to help pay the national debt.

6. One problem the new American government had was that the British were keeping Americans out of the West Indies and other important British markets.

7. Spain opened the lower Mississippi River to American shipping.