Fix it Because it is Broken – Grade Eight

Attachment B
Post-Assessment

Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Directions: Create a political television commercial publicizing a weakness of the Articles of Confederation, following these guidelines:

1. Select a weakness to publicize:
   - The lack of ability to maintain national security;
   - Not having a plan to deal with war debts;
   - Not having a plan to collect revenue;
   - No way of defining the authority of the central government.

2. Create a storyboard of your commercial, with illustrations and a script for each frame. Your group must have at least six frames.

3. Write an explanation of your commercial:
   - Write at least six sentences.
   - Describe the weakness addressed.
   - Explain why the weakness needs to be changed or fixed.

4. Practice your commercial. It should be between 45 and 60 seconds long.

5. Complete the Articles of Confederation Grid with information from your work. Complete the rest of the grid with information from the other groups’ presentations.

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<td>Detailed and thorough illustrations and script that accurately describe a weakness of the Articles of Confederation.</td>
<td>Thoroughly describes the weakness addressed, uses details to explain why a change was needed and goes beyond the length requirement.</td>
<td>Shows excellent group effort and cooperation, thoroughly conveys information on the weakness studied and the need for change.</td>
<td>Includes detailed and accurate examples of each of the weaknesses studied and uses details to explain the need for change.</td>
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<td>Illustrations and script that accurately describe a weakness of the Articles of Confederation.</td>
<td>Clearly describes the weakness addressed, accurately explains why a change was needed and meets the length requirement.</td>
<td>Shows group effort, clearly conveys information on the weakness studied and the need for change.</td>
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<td>Illustrations and script that somewhat describe a weakness of the Articles of Confederation.</td>
<td>Somewhat describes the weakness addressed and somewhat explains why a change was needed.</td>
<td>Shows some group effort, somewhat conveys information on the weakness studied and the need for change.</td>
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<td>Illustrations and script that only partially describe a weakness of the Articles of Confederation.</td>
<td>Partially describes the weakness addressed and partially explains why a change was needed.</td>
<td>Shows little group effort, partially conveys information on the weakness studied and the need for change.</td>
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