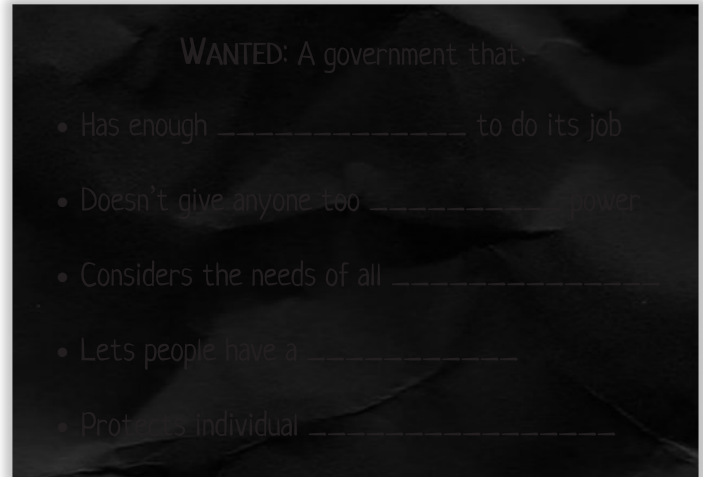


Wanted: A Just Right Government Name: _____

Starting From Scratch

After the American colonists declared independence from Great Britain, the first thing they had to decide was what kind of government to have. The colonists were tired of living under British control. The British government had treated them unfairly, and the colonists set out to make sure their new government would be much, much better!



The First Attempt: The _____ of _____

A **confederation** is a _____ of individuals _____ together for a _____.

- Each state was _____ and had its own _____.
- Each state sent _____ to the "Congress of the Confederation."
- The Congress was the only _____ government.
There was no _____.
- In Congress, each state got _____ vote.



Hey, this sounds great!	Wait! Not so fast...
States get to keep their _____ and _____.	Congress had no way to _____ its laws!
No _____ telling states what to do.	Congress had no power to collect _____ to pay for the military!
Congress had the power to create a _____ to _____ all the _____.	The Articles could only be _____ if _____ the states agreed!

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No one could agree on what kind of government this new country needed! This was because...



• **States had different** _____. For example, some states depended on _____, while others mostly grew _____.



• **States had different** _____. Some states had _____ people and some had _____.

• **People had different** _____. Some people _____ a central government, while others thought a central government was _____.

A New Idea

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION	NEW IDEA
Government has _____ branch:	Government has _____ branches:
✓ Legislative: _____ laws	✓ Legislative: _____ laws ✓ Executive: _____ laws ✓ Judicial: _____ laws

BUT WAIT! How many _____ should each state get in the legislature?

Virginia Plan

- Number of votes depends on _____
- _____ states would have more power

New Jersey Plan

- Each state gets _____ vote
- _____ states would have more power

The Constitution Solution!

Divide the legislature into _____ houses:

- Senate: Each state gets _____ votes
- House of Representatives: Number of votes depends on _____

More Constitution Solutions

- The Constitution requires each state to treat _____ of other states the _____ as it treats its own citizens.
- The Constitution can be changed by _____ of the members of Congress and _____ of the states.
- The Constitution says that the laws passed by Congress are _____ to laws passed by the _____.