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Study Guide—Part III

1. Look up the word “confederation” in a dictionary and write down the meaning which you think best fits the arrangement that the thirteen states created.
2. Review Articles I, II, and III. Explain why one historian commented that after March 1781 there were fourteen semi-independent governments in America.
3. Why do you think that the authors of the Articles of Confederation gave each state equal representation in Congress, regardless of population?
4. According to Article VIII, how is the national government to be funded? What potential problems do you foresee in this arrangement?
5. According to Article IX, how many states were required to approve major decisions? According to Article XIII, how many states were required to approve changes in the Articles of Confederation?
6. The phrase “United States in Congress assembled” occurs frequently in the Articles of Confederation. Why is this phrase a more accurate description of the new government than the phrase “United States of America,” which is used only once?