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Letter to Congress about Articles of Confederation—Pre-writing Organizer

The Articles of Confederation was America's first constitution (rules for how the government will work). Some Americans liked the Articles of Confederation because it left much power to the individual states. However, others believed that the United States needed a stronger central government if the nation was going to stay together. You will be writing a letter to Congress explaining why it should keep or repeal the Articles of Confederation.

Your narrative must include:

- ☐ **Background information about yourself**
 - ☐ **Name, where you live, job, how the Revolutionary War and/or Articles of Confederation have impacted you**
- ☐ **Whether you like or dislike the Articles of Confederation**
 - ☐ **Evidence to justify your opinion (Here you need to use at least two articles and explain why they should be kept, changed, or eliminated)**
- ☐ **Call to action—Next steps for the Articles of Confederation**
 - ☐ **Should the Articles of Confederation be kept, amended, or repealed?**