

## Matrix for Analyzing Features of the Articles of Confederation

**Directions:** Each placard you will receive explains one of the features of the Articles of Confederation. Carefully examine the drawing on the placard, read the information on it, and discuss the question(s). Then complete the information in the appropriate place on the matrix below.

| Placard  | Feature   | Why was this included? (British issue)  | Possible Problems with This Feature  |
|----------|---|---|--|
| <b>A</b> | No Chief Executive.   |   | Lack of leadership from central government. No single leader for the government. |
| <b>B</b> | Laws needed approval by nine of the thirteen states.  | Wanted to protect individual states' power.<br>Fear of a strong central government. |  |
| <b>C</b> | Congress did not have the power to tax citizens. It could only request tax money from states.                     |   |  |
| <b>D</b> | Congress did not have the power to draft an army. It could only request states to send men for military services. |   |  |

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| <b>E</b> | No national court system.  |  |                                     |
| <b>F</b> | Any amendments (changes) to the Articles must be approved by all 13 states.            |  |                                     |
| <b>G</b> | Congress did not have the power to collect state debts owed to the federal government. |  |                                     |
| <b>H</b> | Congress did not have the power to settle disputes among states.                       |  |                                     |