

Essays – Articles of Confederation through Jefferson

1. To what extent did the Articles of Confederation provide for an effective national government during the period 1781 to 1789? Evaluate the reasons for its level of effectiveness
2. Discuss the relative importance of domestic and foreign affairs in creating political discord during the 1790s.
3. Thomas Jefferson viewed himself as a champion of agrarianism, the common man, individual rights and limited government. Evaluate the extent to which Jefferson's view of himself was accurate during the period 1776-1809.
4. Compare and Contrast TWO of the following events during the period 1781 to 1815 with regard to their causes and effects – Shays' Rebellion, the Whiskey Rebellion, Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions, Hartford Convention. DO NOT SIMPLY DISCUSS ONE AND THEN THE OTHER – COMPARE AND CONTRAST. CHOOSE CAREFULLY SO THAT YOU CAN ACTUALLY COMPARE AND CONTRAST.