1. As you read, take notes that summarize how delegates to the Continental Congress answered three main questions about the new federal government.

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| 1. **Representation: By population or by state?** | 1. **Supreme Court: Can it be divided?** | 1. **Western Lands: Who gets them?** |
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B. As you read this section, make notes that answer the questions below.

1. What was the new nation’s major financial problem?

2. Why was the national government unable to solve its financial problems?

3. Why didn’t Congress amend the Articles so it could impose a tariff?

4. Why do you suppose the central government under the Articles of Confederation was given such limited powers?

C. Summarize the main strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation by completing the chart below.

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| **Articles of Confederation** | |
| **Strengths** | **Weaknesses** |
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