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Graphic Organizer

Comparing the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution

Guiding Questions

- What were the primary problems faced by the United States under the Articles of Confederation?
- How did principles shape the republican framework of the new constitutional government?

Objectives

- I can explain the differences and similarities between the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Directions: Fill in the chart with information about each area. Be thorough and follow any specific instructions given by your teacher.

Articles of Confederation	Constitution
Legislative Branch:	Legislative Branch:
Executive Branch:	Executive Branch:
Judicial Branch:	Judicial Branch:

Amendment Process:	Amendment Process:
Passing Legislation:	Passing Legislation:
State Representation:	State Representation:
Adding a New State:	Adding a New State:
Collecting Taxes:	Collecting Taxes:
Raising a Military:	Raising a Military:

Reflection Questions

1. Which of these documents better equips the government to carry out the purposes of government?

2. What Founding principles were included in the creation of the Constitution that were missing from the Articles of Confederation? Choose at least two to discuss.

3. How did the Constitution solve the problems of the Articles of Confederation?
