

Clue # 1

Did you know?

Shays' Rebellion led to General George Washington becoming the first president.

The Revolutionary War was over. However, the country was in an economic crisis so taxes were imposed to pay for the war debts.

The Articles of Confederation were adopted on March 1, 1781, but there was no strong national government. The states weren't unified and behaving like a country. The government was inflexible, there was no monetary system, no court system, no president, and no coining money (using gold and silver). Individual states held the power. However, some states didn't get along with others. Some states charged taxes to other states on goods sold, and the states had separate currencies and state money. Many states refused to pay wages for soldiers who fought in the American Revolution.

Soldiers returned from war, but they were not paid for their services during the war. In addition, taxes were assigned per head of household. Everyone paid the same amount, regardless of income. With no paycheck, soldiers and small farmers, couldn't pay these new taxes or their other growing debt. Citizens grew increasingly frustrated so they sent petitions and proposals for some assistance to the state governments.

They wished to have taxes levied or revised based on income to help the poor and allow the wealthy to pay their fair share. They requested legal paper money ("Tender Laws") so they could pay with paper in exchange for goods. They hoped for a freeze on payment of debts ("Stay Laws"). They suggested a barter system to help the poor. They wanted reduced legal fees from the courts and lawyers. They also wanted to move the state capital inland, because it was controlled by the wealthier commercial businesses.

Question

Which of the following was NOT a weakness of the Articles of Confederation?

- A. No court system
- B. No president
- C. No money
- D. No coining money

Question

Town leaders had pleaded with the state legislature...



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Clue # 2

Did you know?

The first protest happened at a county court in Massachusetts.

All of the requests and suggestions for assistance were ignored. As a result, public auctions were held to sell off personal items because bills couldn't be paid. Farmers had their farms taken away and were forced into bankruptcy. Some farmers ended up in prison for failure to pay their debts. Having run out of options, tensions were rising which led to protest and rebellion, led by Daniel Shays.

Daniel Shays, a farmer from Massachusetts, served as a captain in the 5th Massachusetts Regiment of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. His arrival home after the war was complicated. First, he had to go home to find that he wasn't getting paid as a soldier. Second, new taxes were even imposed or established to help pay for the war. At this point, Shays simply could not pay the accrued debt and new taxes. He found many other farmers and soldiers in the same predicament.

People were being kicked out of their homes, filed for bankruptcy or they were sent to prison. In the manner of a person (who thought that if your voice isn't heard, you had the right to revolt), Shays gathered with other farmers and decided to revolt against the courthouses who were doing nothing to protect him and farmers like him.

Shays' Rebellion in Massachusetts lasted from August 1786 to June of 1787. He had supporters called "shaysites" and "rebels". Shaysites banded together to rebel against the courts. They tried to shut down county courts from collecting money. These armed farmers stormed courthouses, blocked the roads to prevent the judges from entering.

Question

What does "debts" mean?

- A. Money in an account
- B. Money owed
- C. Money earned
- D. Bank notes

Question

Known as 'Shaysites'...



4 Digit Code

First number of code :

The number of Shaysites that were arrested MIN _____

Second number of code :

The percent taxed from the average citizen's _____

Third number of code :

What number is represented by " - - . . " _____

Last number of code :

What number is the letter "A" in class _____

1. When was the Articles of Confederation adopted?

- A. 1781
- B. 1782
- C. 1783
- D. 1784

4. What month did Shays Rebellion end?

- A. March
- B. April
- C. May
- D. June

2. Who originally thought that if your voice wasn't heard you had the right to revolt?

- A. Luke Day
- B. George Washington
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. Samuel Adams

5. Citizens asked to move the state capital _____.

- A. West
- B. Inland
- C. To the coastline
- D. East

3. How many were captured on February 27, 1787?

- A. 20
- B. 15
- C. 7
- D. 800

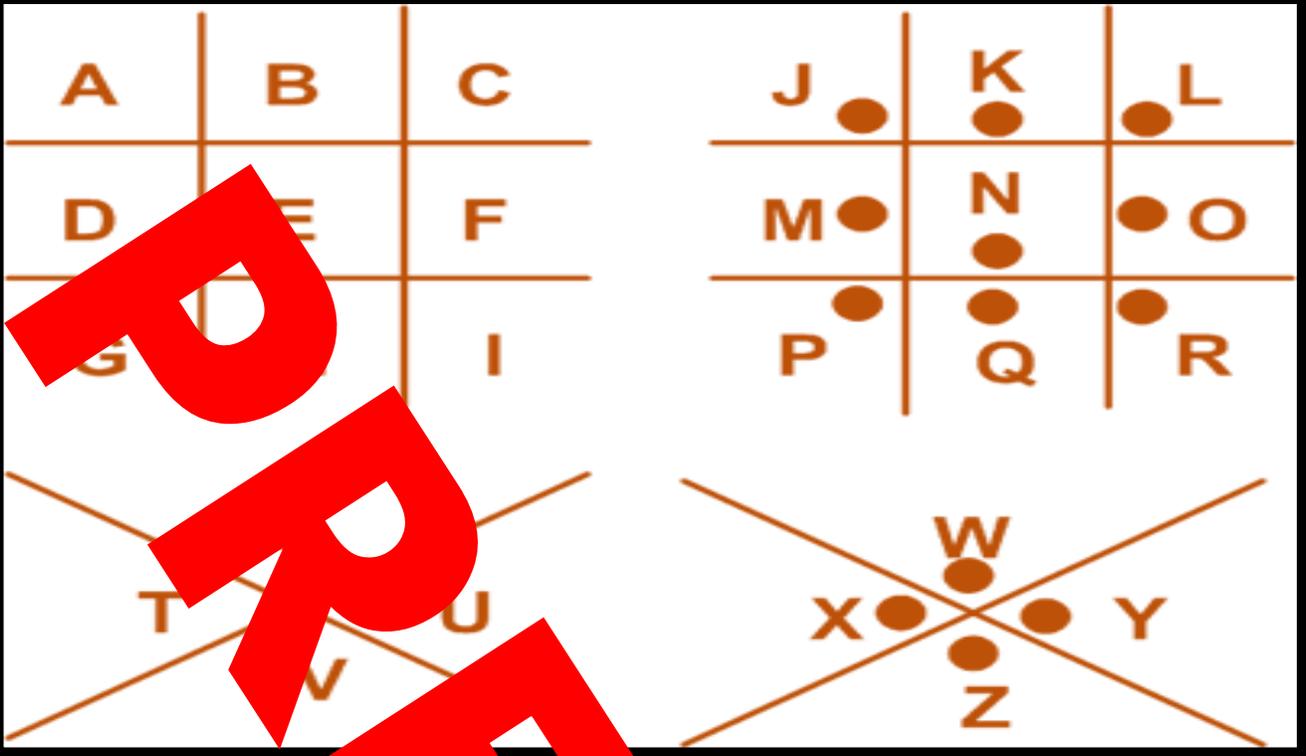
6. Massachusetts passed the _____ Act in November of 1786.

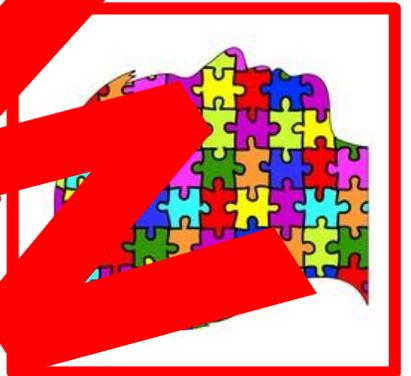
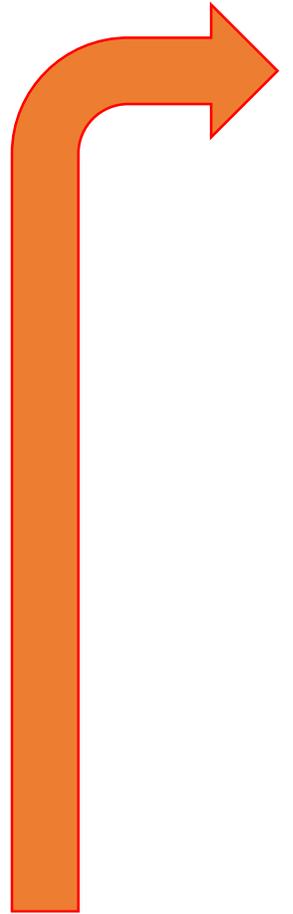
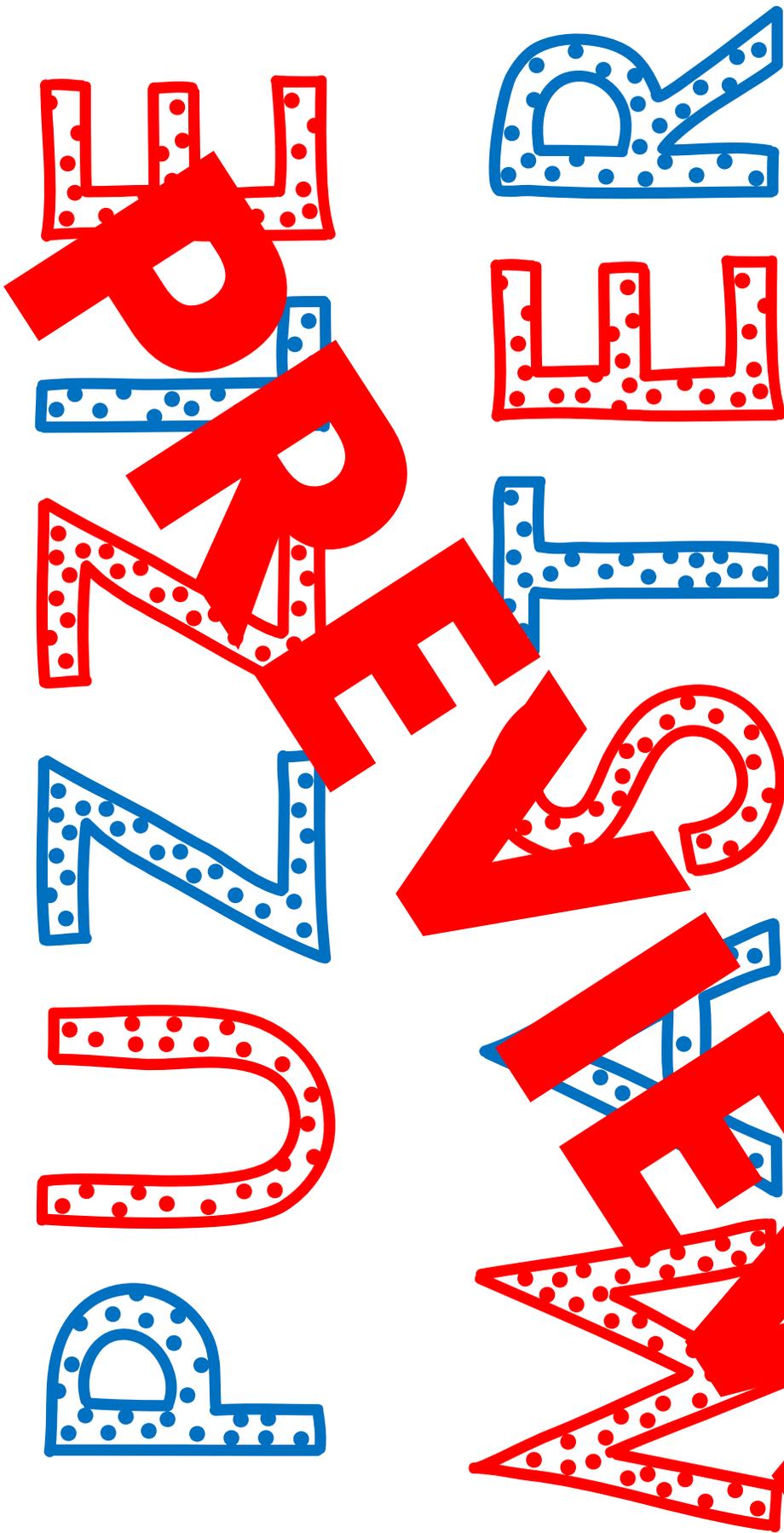
- A. Sedition
- B. Riot
- C. Tender
- D. Shays

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B =	O = 18
C =	P =
D =	Q =
E =	R =
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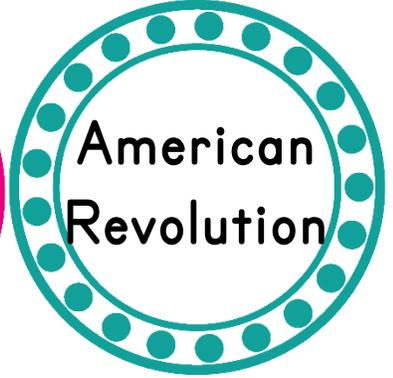
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