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Comparing the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution

TEKS: GOV 8A: explain why the Founding Fathers created a distinctly new form of federalism and adopted a federal system of government instead of a unitary system

Directions: Fill in the missing information with the response given from one of these plans of the government.

Issue	Articles of Confederation	U.S. Constitution
<u>Type of government system</u>	Confederation—Power was given to the states	
<u>Organization of the national government</u>		Three separate, independent parts of the national government—legislative, executive, judicial
<u>Organization of Congress</u>	Unicameral Congress in the national government --Each state had one vote	
<u>Organization of Judiciary (Court System)</u>		States had own set of courts; but part of the national court system with a Supreme Court at the top
<u>Control of Trade</u>	States controlled both intrastate and interstate trade	
<u>Currency</u>		Uniform currency coined by Congress
<u>Amendment Process</u>		Two-step process to amend the plan of government; $\frac{2}{3}$ of Congress to propose; $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states to ratify
<u>Raising Revenue by Taxation</u>	States controlled taxation within their state; no national taxation	

Missing information

1. Bicameral—House of Representatives with membership based on the population of the state and Senate with each state getting two	2. Each state coined its own money	3. State courts only	4. Both Congress and the states have the power to tax
5. A Congress, with no separate, independent executive or judicial parts	6. U.S. Congress given the power to regulate interstate commerce	7. Each state had to approve to change the Articles of Confederation	8. Federal—Power is divided between the national and state governments

Understanding the Language - Notes

1. Explain the difference between interstate and intrastate.

2. Explain the difference between propose and ratify.

3. What is the difference between Unicameral and Bicameral?

4. Does the change from Unicameral to Bicameral speed up or slow down the process of making legislation?

Separation of Powers - Notes

Legislative	Executive	Judicial
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	
5.	5.	
6.	6.	
7.	7.	
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