

FROM THE ARTICLES TO THE CONSTITUTION

There were many factors that led to the **abandonment** of the **Articles** at the **Constitutional Convention**

The Not-So-United States

- 1. Many states claimed land in the Northwest Territory
- 2. States were charging other states to pass goods over their borders
- 3. States issued their own money which was worthless and which other states would not accept



Poor Foreign Relations

- 1. Britain closed the profitable West Indies trade to the U.S.**
- 2. Spain claimed U.S. land – the Mississippi River**
- 3. France demanded repayment of money loaned during the Revolutionary War**

Shays' Rebellion

- Falling crop prices left farmers poor and unable to pay for their farms
- **Massachusetts** government refused to help; raised taxes even more
- First armed revolt since the Revolutionary War



The Result of all This:

- Many Americans worried about the United States government's ability to maintain order



- James Madison and Alexander Hamilton persuaded the Confederation Congress to consider revising the Articles

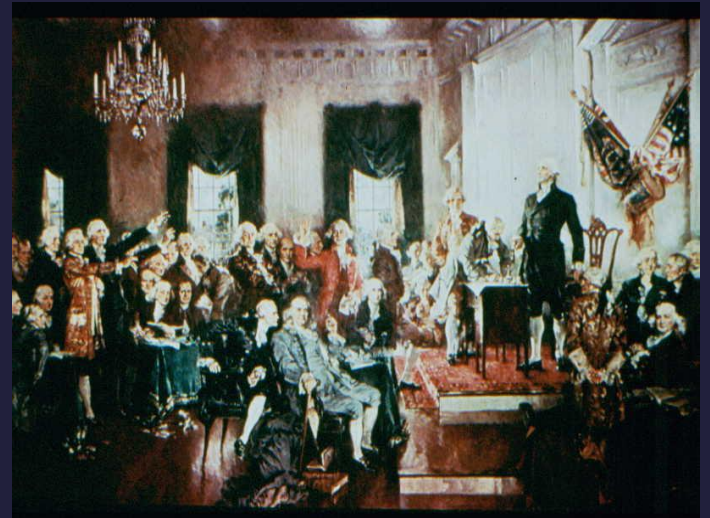


- States were invited to a special convention at which the Articles would be revised



The Result of all This:

- Delegates from 12 states met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA
 - Rhode Island did not come
 - 55 delegates came



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- After discussion, delegates agreed to **abandon the Articles** and create a new constitution
 - Delegates worked on it from **May to September 1787**
 - New Constitution was signed on **Sept. 17th 1787**
 - Did not go into effect until July 2, 1788 when New Hampshire became the **ninth state to ratify it**

