

## Chapter 5-1 Notes

### The Articles of Confederation

**Main Idea 1: The American people examined many ideas about government.**

- English laws that limited the power of the king were the **Magna Carta** and the **English**

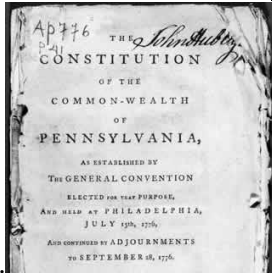


#### **Bill of Rights.**

- The Enlightenment was a philosophical movement that emphasized the use of reason to examine old ideas and traditions.
- John Locke believed a social contract existed between political rulers and the people they ruled.

#### **American Models of Government**

- Early models of self-government were town meetings, the Virginia House of Burgesses, and the Mayflower Compact.
- The **constitution** of each state limited government and protected rights of



citizens.

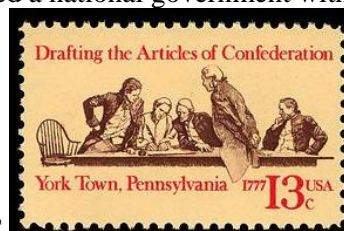
- Thomas Jefferson's ideas on religious freedom were written in the **Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom.**



- Many state constitutions provided **suffrage** , or the right to vote, to most white men who paid taxes.

**Main Idea 2: The Articles of Confederation laid the base for the first national government of the United States.**

- The **Articles of Confederation** created a national government with limited powers.



#### **WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**

- Congress could settle conflicts among states, make coins, borrow money, ask states for money and soldiers, and make treaties with other nations.
- States had the power to refuse requests.
- There was not a president or a national court system.

- The Second Continental Congress passed the Articles of Confederation on November 15,

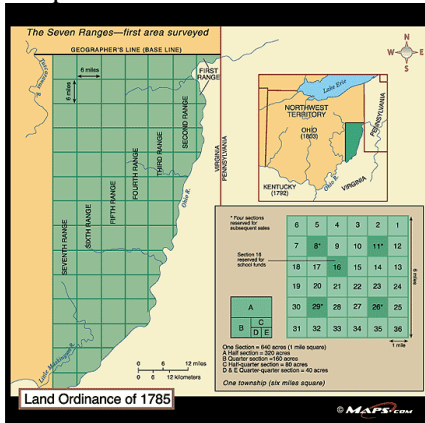


1777, and sent them to each state for **ratification**.

- The first national government of the United States was established after the last state ratified the Articles in March 1781.

**Main Idea 3: The Confederation Congress established the Northwest Territory.**

- Congress passed **Land Ordinance of 1785** to raise money to pay



debts.

- Ordinance provided for surveying and dividing western lands.
- Land was split into townships.
- Each township was divided into lots for sale to the public.
- Congress passed **Northwest Ordinance of 1787**.
- Established **Northwest Territory** and a system for creating new states
- Included what are now the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, and Wisconsin
- Required the provision of public education and banned slavery

