Keith “Hip” Hughes  Why did the Articles of Confederation Fail?

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1. Which document governed the United States for the following years?
   1776-1787 = __________________________ 1787- today= __________________________

2. Mr. Hughes’s “mantra” for the Articles of Confederation is:
   The Articles of Confederation ______________ because the ______________ were too ______________.

3. Federalism
   a. Early colonist (liked /disliked) government.  Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.
   b. According to Hughes, “Federalism” is the __________________________ of __________________________
      between the __________________________ and the __________________________.
   c. When the colonists created the Articles of Confederation they gave the Federal Government
      ( a lot of / a little ) power?  Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.
   d. Circle the word to best complete the sentence.  In the Articles of Confederation the power to the states is
      (big / small) and the power to the federal government is (big / small).
   e. The structure of the Articles of Confederation is set up so there was only 1 branch of government.
      This branch of government was the __________________________ Branch.
      There are ________ members because each state gets ________ vote.

4. The GOOD:
   a. __________________________ ( Only 1 “good” description is given.)
   b. Explain why this 1 thing is “good”.  __________________________
   c. Who might not think this was “good”? __________________________

5. The BAD:
   List at least 6 things that were “bad” about the Articles of Confederation.
   a. No__________________________  d. No__________________________
   b. No__________________________  e. No__________________________
   c. No__________________________  f. No__________________________

6. Inflexibility of the Articles
   a. How many votes were needed to pass a law? ______________
   b. How many votes were needed to make a change to the Articles of Confederation? ______________

7. The UGLY:
   a. __________________________ (Only 1 ugly description is given.)
   b. What does Mr. Hughes compare Shay’s Rebellion to?  A ______________ that will set the Articles on ____________
   c. Who was Shay?__________________________
   d. Shay and his followers marched on the ______________ in Massachusetts demanding ______________.
   e. Shay’s rebellion scared the people.
      They decided they needed a Federal Government with more________________________

8. Which state did not show up at either the Annapolis Convention or the Constitutional Convention?
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