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The Articles of Confederation	
No chief executive or national courts	
Laws need approval of 9 of the 13 states	
Congress could:	Congress could NOT
Declare war and make peace	Levy taxes
Raise a defense force	Regulate trade
Make foreign treaties and alliances	Settle disputes among states
Coin and borrow money	Collect state debts owed to it
Establish a post office	Enforce any of its powers
Regulate Indian Affairs	

- Looking at the chart above could this distribution of power be seen as a strength or weakness of the Articles of Confederation? Why and use examples

- Using your answers, the chart above, and your copy of the Articles of Confederation write an essay, using examples from the text, explaining the weakness of the Articles of Confederation. How did this document distribute power between the state and national governments, and why you think the Framers distributed power in this way instead of centralizing it in a big federal government?
