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Compare and Contrast two versions of the Articles of Confederations:

[John Dickinson, June 1776](#) early draft and [final draft before ratification, 1777](#)

Question Sheet

Section One

1. Notice how Article 2 and 3 are flipped from their original placement in the earlier draft. What can you infer about the concern the framers had in relation to state sovereignty v. state friendship/sharing of power? Why?
2. What does the change in the use of the word 'colony' (from the draft) to the use of the word 'state' (in the final version) imply? Does this change indicate any change in how the framers identified themselves and their relation to the world?

Section Two

3. How has Article 4 changed?
4. Does this article strengthen or weaken state power? How?

Section Three

5. How has Article 6 changed? Does the change seem important? Why or why not?
6. What does this Article say, and why do you think it was important to the Framers?

7. Does this Article give more power to the state or national government?

Section Four

8. Why would the Framers have feared a standing army in times of peace?

9. Who was in charge of caring for the army/militia? Why do you think this was important detail for the Framers?

10. Who does the Article provide more power to? State or National government?

Section Five

11. What change in language can you see in this section between the draft and the final version of the Articles of Confederation?

12. Can states declare war? Is there an exception?

13. Why would this Article have been important to Framers?

Section Six

14. According to this article, who pays for war?

15. At the bottom of the draft version of this article, there is a question posed by Dickinson. In your own words, what is this question asking? Do you think it is an important question? Why or why not?

Section Seven

16. In your opinion, does the extra detail in the draft make it easier or clearer to understand? Why or why not?

17. Summarize the final version of Article 9 in two sentences

Section Eight

18. Which version of Article 9 more restrictive on Congress and the Federal government? What are the differences?

19. List the restrictions on the federal government's power from the final version.

20. Who does this article benefit the most? State or Federal government?