

Part Two, The Making of America:
Lesson 9: The Need for a Miracle

(Lesson Time 40:26)

Name: _____

[for Sunday, December 28, 2014]

Reading: The Making of America, pages 111-131

The Need for a Miracle

PRE-LESSON QUESTIONS FOR HOMEWORK STUDY AND REVIEW:

1. EVEN THOUGH THE AMERICANS HAD WON THEIR LIBERTY, THERE WAS SOMETHING THEY HAD NOT LEARNED TO DO THAT WAS VITAL TO THEIR NATIONAL PRESERVATION. WHAT WAS IT?

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The Need for a Miracle 1783-1787

[Inability to govern themselves]

2. WHO EXPECTED THE UNITED STATES TO COLLAPSE? (112-13)

o England expected US to collapse

-left troops on northern border till 1796 [G. Washington's 7 presidential year]

o Spain expected US to collapse

-began seizing land along Mississippi

o Some Americans expected collapse

o New England threatened succession

-Middle and Southern states said go

3. DESCRIBE THE RESTLESSNESS OF AMERICAN MILITARY UNITS AFTER THE WAR. (113-14)

Internal Revolt

o Soldiers mutinied for non-pay

o Soldiers stormed Congress - fled to Annapolis

o Business | military = fascist dictatorship

4. HOW DID DEPRESSION, TAXES, AND RIOTING BRING THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT TO THE BRINK OF DISASTER? (114- 15)

Financial Woes

o Inflation produced worthless money

o Inflation produced depression

o Some states issued scrip [iou's given instead, but worthless money, really]

o Virginia paid off debts with worthless money

o Massachusetts stayed with gold and silver

-levied high taxes on farmers

-foreclosed on farms if couldn't pay

o Daniel Shay led Shay's Rebellion against courthouse

5. DESCRIBE THE FISCAL POLICIES THAT CRANKED UP THE ENGINES OF INFLATION DURING THIS PERIOD. (116-17)

Inflation

o Governments need money

-impose taxes (Congress had no authority)

-borrowing [esp to govt by banks]

-print paper money

o Inflation = unnatural increase in money supply [is permanent, not like the typical frequent temporary inflation which is not destructive]

o High prices are the result of inflation, not the cause of it.

Paper Money

o Congress printed. States to redeem it!

o States merely printed their own to redeem it.

o Value of continental dollar fell to less than a penny

o States tried to impose controls

-creates enemies

-destroys confidence

o Congress wouldn't accept own paper money for taxes. Only gold and silver.

6. DESCRIBE THE AGONY THAT GEORGE WASHINGTON EXPRESSED OVER THE STATE OF THE NATION JUST MONTHS BEFORE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. (118)

Washington's Lamentation [in - 1787]

o Anarchy approaching (quote) [Recommended a constitution written stronger]

o Wouldn't have believed it (quote)

7. READ THROUGH THE STATEMENTS OF THE FOUNDERS AS THEY DESCRIBED THE AMERICAN SCENE AT THAT TIME. WHICH POINTS PARTICULARLY IMPRESS YOU? (118-31)

Need Stronger Government

o Need power to tax

o Under Articles, states had a veto on Congress

o States treated each other as foreign nations ['we are on verge of collapse']

o People buying expensive clothing from Europe

o New constitution needs to be adopted soon.

[It would require a miracle to accomplish it.]

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QUIZ - LESSON 9

1. WHAT DID ENGLAND DO TO SHOW IT EXPECTED THE U.S. TO COLLAPSE? _____

2. WHAT DID SPAIN DO TO SHOW IT EXPECTED THE U.S. TO COLLAPSE?

3. SOME BUSINESS LEADERS CONSIDERED JOINING WITH THE ARMY WHICH COULD HAVE LEAD TO A
_____ GOVERNMENT.
4. SOME STATES PAID OFF DEBTS WITH _____ MONEY.
5. MASSACHUSETTS WANTED TO PAY ITS DEBTS IN _____ AND _____ AND SO IT HAD TO IMPOSE
_____ TO COVER IT.
6. THE FARMERS ATTEMPT TO KEEP COURTS FROM OPENING TO FORECLOSE ON THEIR FARMS WAS KNOWN AS THE
_____.
7. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT EVEN ACCEPT ITS OWN MONEY FOR PAYMENT FOR ITS OWN
_____.
8. A FUNDAMENTAL POWER OF SOUND GOVERNMENT WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION LACKED WAS
_____.
9. UNDER THE ARTICLES, THE STATES HAD A _____ ON CONGRESS.
10. STATES BEGAN TREATING EACH OTHER AS _____ COUNTRIES.
11. PEOPLE WERE BUYING EXPENSIVE CLOTHING FROM THE _____.
12. THE FOUNDERS GENERALLY AGREED A NEW _____
HAD TO BE WRITTEN.