

Shays' Rebellion: A Wake-Up Call

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Understanding the Importance of a Stronger Government

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about Shays' Rebellion.

1. What economic hardships were the farmers facing after the Revolutionary War?

2. Who led the rebellion against the state courts?

- A. George Washington
- B. Daniel Shays
- C. Thomas Jefferson

3. Shays' Rebellion showed that the national government was strong and effective.

- True False

4. The rebellion highlighted weaknesses in the ____ of Confederation.

5. How did Shays' Rebellion reveal problems with the Articles of Confederation?

6. What might have been a peaceful solution to the farmers' problems?

- A. Starting a rebellion
- B. Talking to the government
- C. Ignoring the issue

7. The farmers believed that the government was helping them during the economic crisis.

- True False

8. According to Proverbs 15:1, a soft answer turns away ____ but harsh words stir up anger.

9. What can we learn about solving conflicts peacefully from this lesson?

10. What was one result of Shays' Rebellion?

- A. Stronger local governments
- B. A weaker national government
- C. Calls for a stronger national government

Answer Key

1. The farmers were struggling with debt, and many were losing their farms because of this debt. 2. Daniel Shays 3. False 4. Articles 5. It showed that the national government was too weak to help the farmers and respond to their needs effectively. 6. Talking to the government 7. False 8. wrath 9. We can learn that talking things out and finding peaceful resolutions is better than fighting or rebelling. 10. Calls for a stronger national government