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| Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook Notes  Mr. Kay’s  American Government Class  Name:  Class:  Period:  Date: 09/24/15  Chapter 2 Section 3: | |
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| *Questions/Main Ideas:* |  |
| *Objectives* | 1. Describe the structure of the government set up under the Articles of Confederation. 2. Explain why the weaknesses of the Articles led to a critical period for the country in the 1780s. 3. Describe how a growing need for a stronger national government led to plans for a Constitutional Convention. |
| Key Terms/People |  |
| **Articles of Confederation:** | * the agreement, effective in 1781, that established the first central government of the United States |
| **ratification:** | * formal approval of a proposal |
| **Introduction** | * What weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation made a lasting government impossible? |
| **Articles of Confederation** |  |
| **Federal Government** |  |
| **Congress** | Checkpoint: What powers did Congress hold under the Articles of Confederation? |
| Questions/Main Ideas: | Notes: Chapter 2 section 3 |
| **Weaknesses of the Articles** |  |
| **Problems with the Articles** |  |
| Problem with the Articles, cont. |  |
| Shays’ Rebellion |  |
| **Stronger Government** |  |
| Stronger Government, cont | Review Question  What were the main reasons to eliminating the Articles of Confederation? (At least two complete sentences) |

**Summary/Reflection/Analysis (At least three complete sentences in length)**