Essential Question: How did the problems faced by the young nation made it clear that a new constitution was needed?

Main Idea 1:
The United States had difficulties with other nations.

- Britain _________ to turn over its _________ in U.S. _________ to _________ control.
- _________ closed off _________ with the British _________ and imposed high _________ on American _________.
- _________ closed the lower _________ to _________.

Impact of Closed Markets

- Closing _________ in the British _________ _________ caused American exports to _________.
- Cheap _________ goods flowed into the _________ _________.
- The _________ _________ had no authority to pass _________, or order _________ to pass _________, to help correct _________ trade with Britain.
  - States worked _________ to increase their own _________ instead of _________ the situation for the _________ _________.
- American _________ were forced to look for new _________ in _________, France, and the _________.

Main Idea 2:
Internal economic problems plagued the new nation.

- The Confederation Congress had no _________ to regulate _________ commerce, making trade _________ across _________ lines.
- _________ was a problem in many _________, which struggled to pay off _________ debts by printing _________.
  - _________ was not backed by _________ or _________, so it was worth less.
- Loss of _________ with Britain combined with _________ caused an economic _________.
  - _________ is a period of _________ economic activity combined with a _________ in _________.
Main Idea 3:
Shays Rebellion pointed out weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation.

- Daniel Shays led ___________ farmers in a ___________ over ___________ and ___________ ___________ in August 1786.
- The main cause of Shay’s ___________ was Massachusetts policy that forced ___________ to pay ___________ on ___________.
- Shays Rebellion was ___________ ___________ by state troops in January 1787.
  - Tried to force the ___________ of the ___________ ___________ in Massachusetts
  - No one’s property could be taken to pay off ___________ if the ___________ was ___________.
  - Many citizens ___________ with the ___________ and their ___________.
  - State ___________ freed most of the ___________.

Main Idea 4:
Many Americans called for changes in the national government.

- Shays Rebellion showed the ___________ of the ___________ government, which could not ___________ to Massachusetts’s call for ___________.
  - People saw that the ___________ of liberty were not ___________.
  - People called for a ___________ central government that could ___________ the nation in times of ___________.
  - Following Shay’s Rebellion, ___________ Americans called for ___________ a ___________ central ___________.
- The ___________ legislature called for a ___________ conference to change the ___________ of ___________.
- The Articles of Confederation made it hard for ___________ to protect its ___________ or ___________ against foreign ___________.
  - There was no ___________ and the Articles did not allow ___________ to force ___________ to provide ___________ for an ___________.
  - The Annapolis Convention held in September 1786 ___________ to ___________.
  - The Constitutional Convention was called in May 1787 in ___________ to ___________ the ___________.
