READING #2

The United States had a document before the Constitution called the Articles of Confederation. The Articles of Confederation was ratified or approved, in 1781, but it had major problems. The Articles did not allow the government to collect money through taxes. Therefore, the government did not have any money to operate. The army was not being paid. There was no central leader.

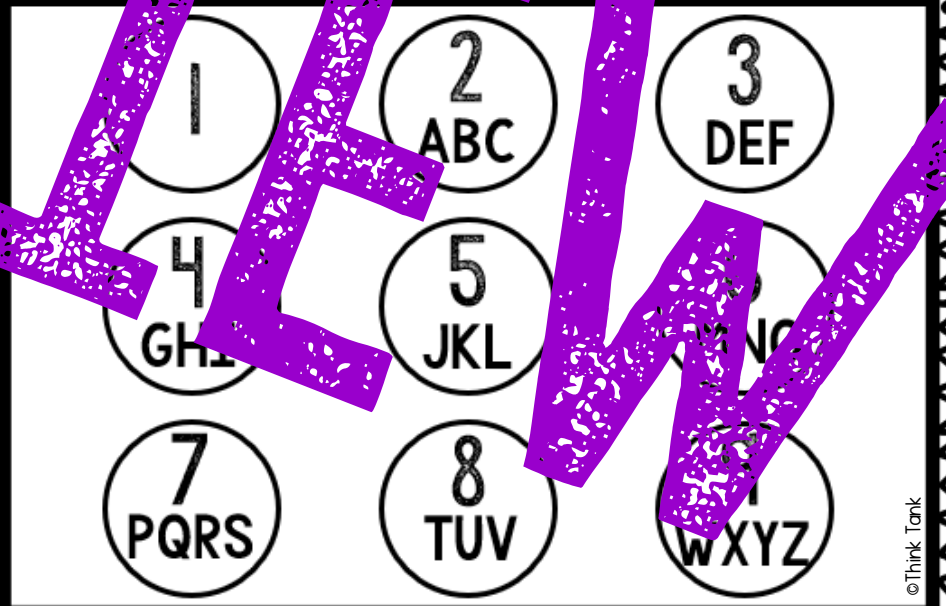
In 1787, these issues were discussed at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Here, the Constitution was drafted to replace the Articles of Confederation.

The new Constitution created a system of federal government that could operate without impacting the basic rights of any of the citizens.

The Framers of the Constitution created a "living" document, which means that it can be changed at any given time.



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READING #3

At the Constitutional Convention, led by George Washington, the writers decided that the government needed three branches to operate. The three branches would balance of power within the federal government. Each branch has a clear purpose so that one can't become too powerful. This was very important to America at the time because they had just broken away from the tight rule of the British government. The three branches include the Legislative Branch, Executive Branch and the Judicial Branch.

Article I of the Constitution is the Legislative Branch, also known as Congress. This branch makes the laws. Article II is the Executive Branch, and it is responsible for enforcing the laws. The Judicial Branch, or Article III, interprets the laws.



DECODER



Example: 3-7 = M

Example: 1-4 = R

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READING #6

The Constitution is organized into seven sections, or articles, that describe how the government is set up. These include Legislative Powers, Executive Powers, Judicial Powers, State Powers and Limits, Amendments, Federal Powers, and Ratification.

The Constitution, or plan of government, is the most important document in the history of the United States. Before the Constitution, each of the states operated like individual countries. There was not a strong federal government to hold them all together. There was not even a president to represent the United States. The Constitution created a federal government that allowed all of the states to operate together, as well as let the states operate partly on their own. It also allowed all of the states to have basic rights and protections for the citizens.



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Read each passage and answer the questions below. Next, use the decoder to solve the puzzle phrase.

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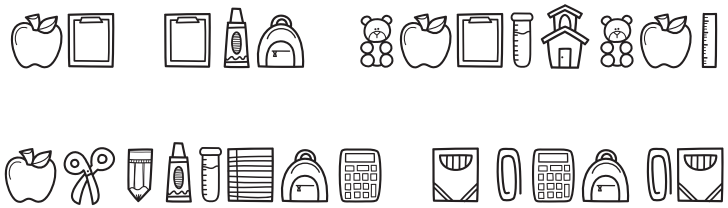
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B.
C.
D. 6

2. What is another word for federal?

A. International
B. Int[illegible]ontinental
C. N[illegible]
D. C[illegible]nty

The U.S. Constitution is on display...



READING 2

3. The U.S. Con[illegible]ut[illegible] replaced th[illegible]rtic[illegible] of ____.

A. Confederation
B. Impeachment
C. Capitulation
D. None of the above

4. W[illegible]re was the [illegible]onal Convention?

A. Boston
B. [illegible]hiladelphia
C. N[illegible]v York Ci[illegible]
D. Grand Rapid[illegible]

[illegible]e Artic[illegible] Confederation did not have a...

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2[illegible]666-88-77[illegible]3

77[illegible]-7777-[illegible]33-6

READING 3

5. Who was chosen to lead the Constitutional Convention?

A. Jefferson
B. Adams
C. Washington
D. Madison

6. Which branch is described in Article II?

A. Judicial
B. Legislative
C. Congress
D. Executive

Mem[illegible]s of [illegible]ngress work in t[illegible]...

3-3,2-1,[illegible]-10,1-8,[illegible]

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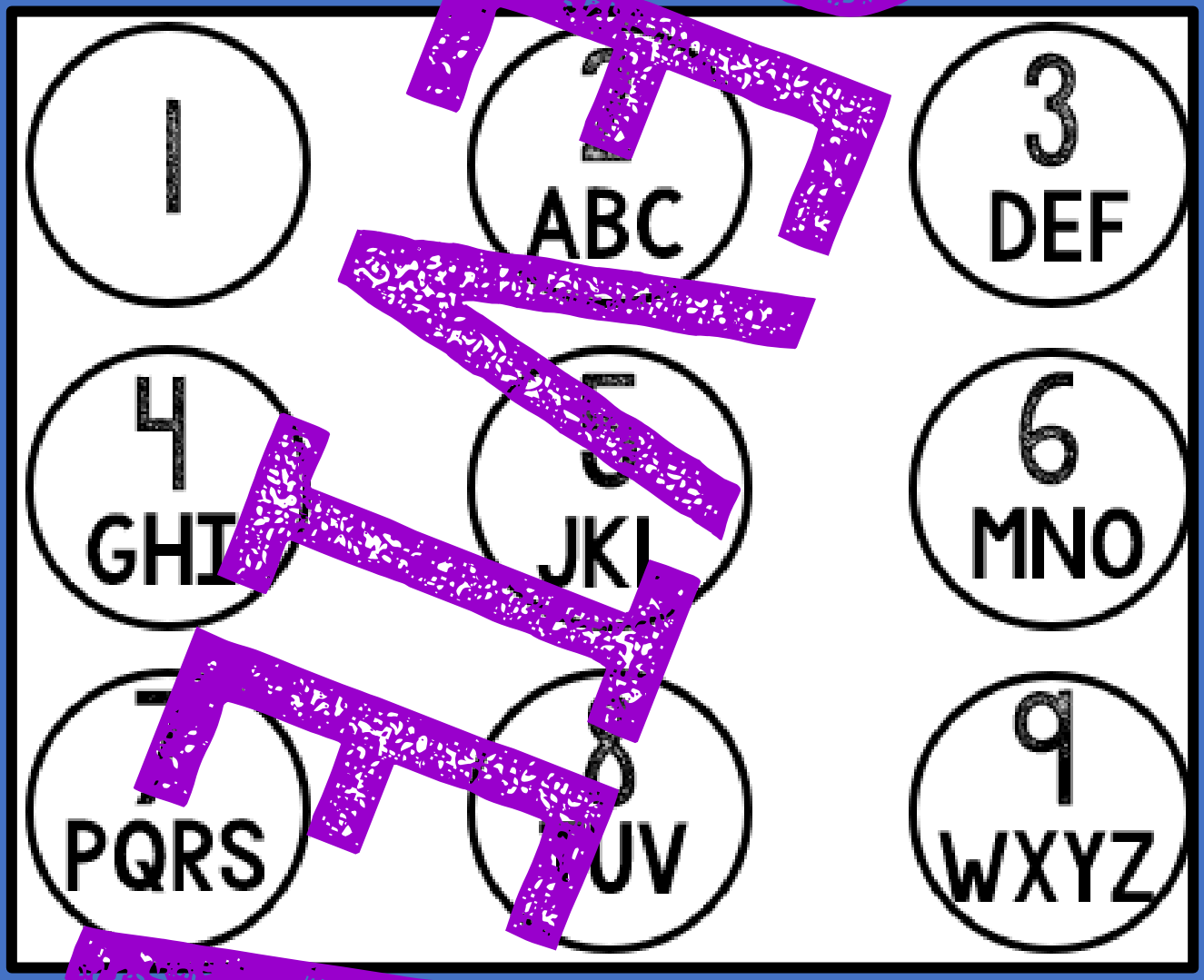
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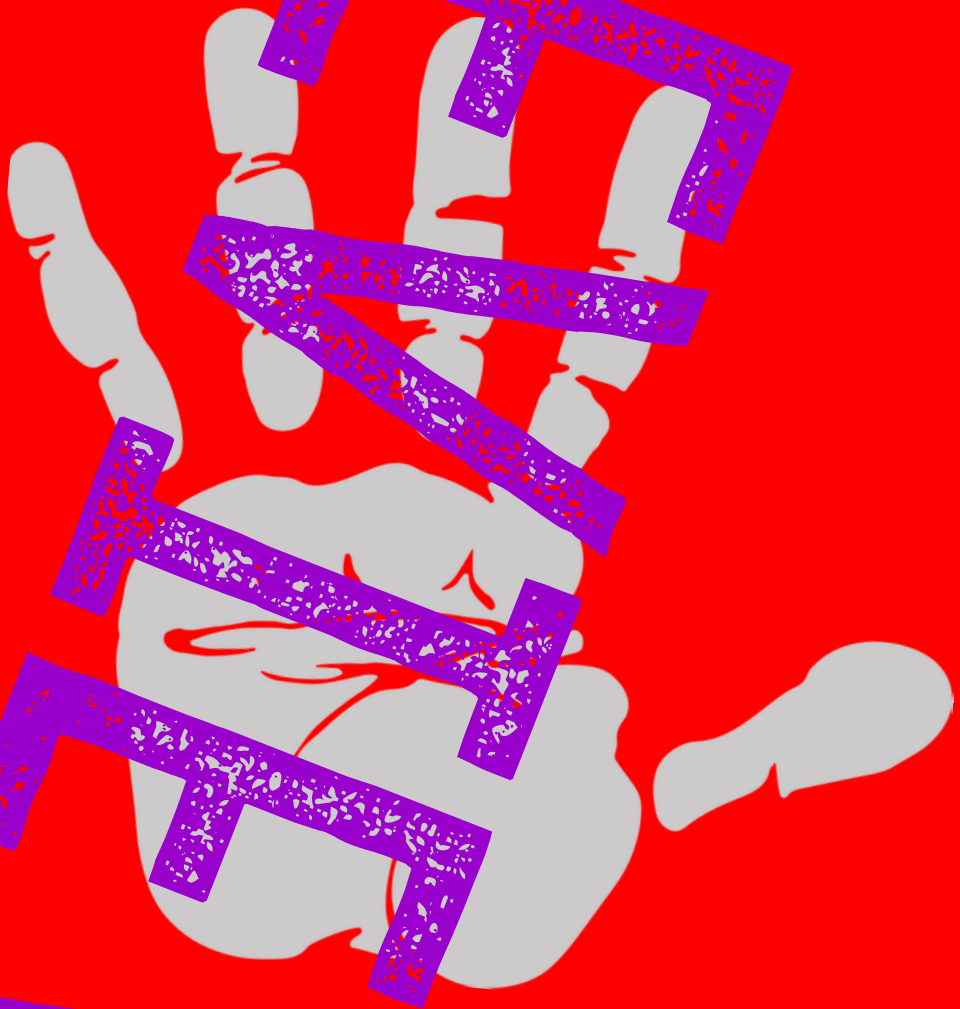
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