

Prompt 4.3 - Shays' Rebellion

Warm-up: How should a country treat its **veterans** (retired soldiers) when they come home from war?

Shay's Rebellion: As we read about the rebellion below, summarize what happened with your group.

Highlight two important words	Summarize in one sentence
During the American Revolution, Congress couldn't pay merchants (businesses) or soldiers because it was unable to raise taxes under The Articles of Confederation government. Instead, Congress promised to pay them back after the war was over.	
After the war, the soldiers went back to their farms and waited to be paid by Congress. However, Congress still could not raise money through taxes. Desperate to pay the veterans back, Congress began printing money. This caused the value of money to decrease so many were never paid back what they were promised.	
Since the merchants couldn't get their money back from Congress, they decided to take it from veterans. Merchants made farming tools so expensive to rent that many veterans fell into debt (owed money) to these merchants. Since many veterans were unable to pay back the merchants for the expensive farming supplies, merchants began taking land from the veterans instead.	
Veterans in Massachusetts asked Congress for help but Congress claimed that they had already been paid. The veterans decided that they had no choice but to rebel. Daniel Shays, a veteran, began to lead protests. Eventually the protestors became violent and Shays planned to take a military fort to fight off the merchant debt collectors.	

<p>The Massachusetts Governor asked Congress to help stop the rebellion. However, Congress could not raise taxes to pay for new soldiers nor could it draft new soldiers into an army to stop the rebellion. So, the merchants paid for a force of 1,200 militiamen to stop the rebels.</p>	
<p>The merchant militia intercepted a note detailing Shays' battle plans and was able to surprise them. Four of Shays' veterans died in the battle and the rest were captured. Eventually, Congress pardoned all who were involved.</p>	
<p>Shays' Rebellion called into serious question The Articles of Confederation. They decided that a new constitution was needed before other rebellions took hold. Congress created the Philadelphia Convention of 1787 in order to brainstorm how this new constitution would work.</p>	

Summary: What was Shays' Rebellion and what did it lead to?

Flipbook: With the provided paper, create an 8 page flipbook for each scene in Shays' Rebellion. Include one sentence and one drawing for each.

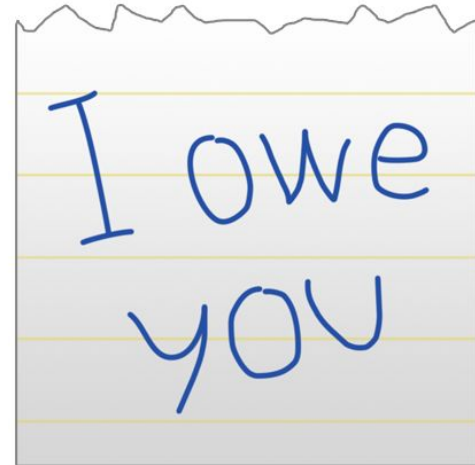
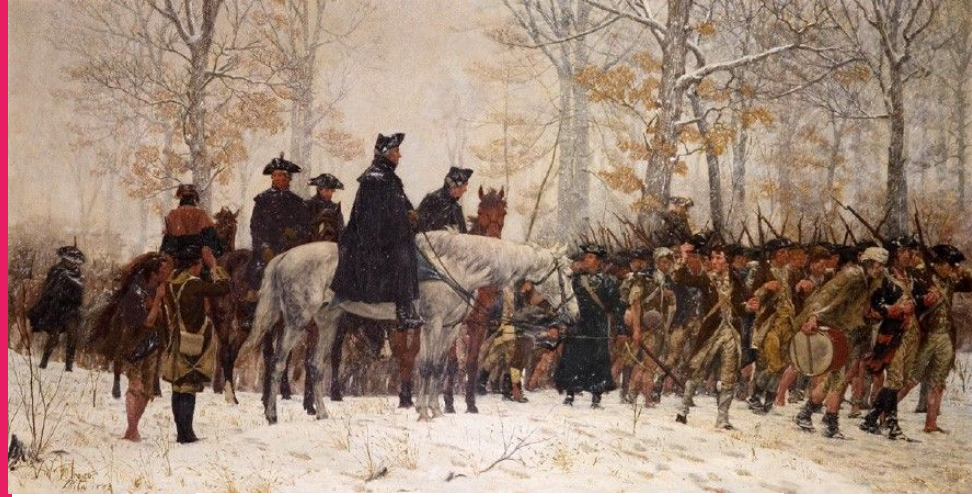
Cooldown: Thomas Jefferson once approved of Shays' Rebellion, stating that: *"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."* Do you agree with Thomas Jefferson? Why or why not?

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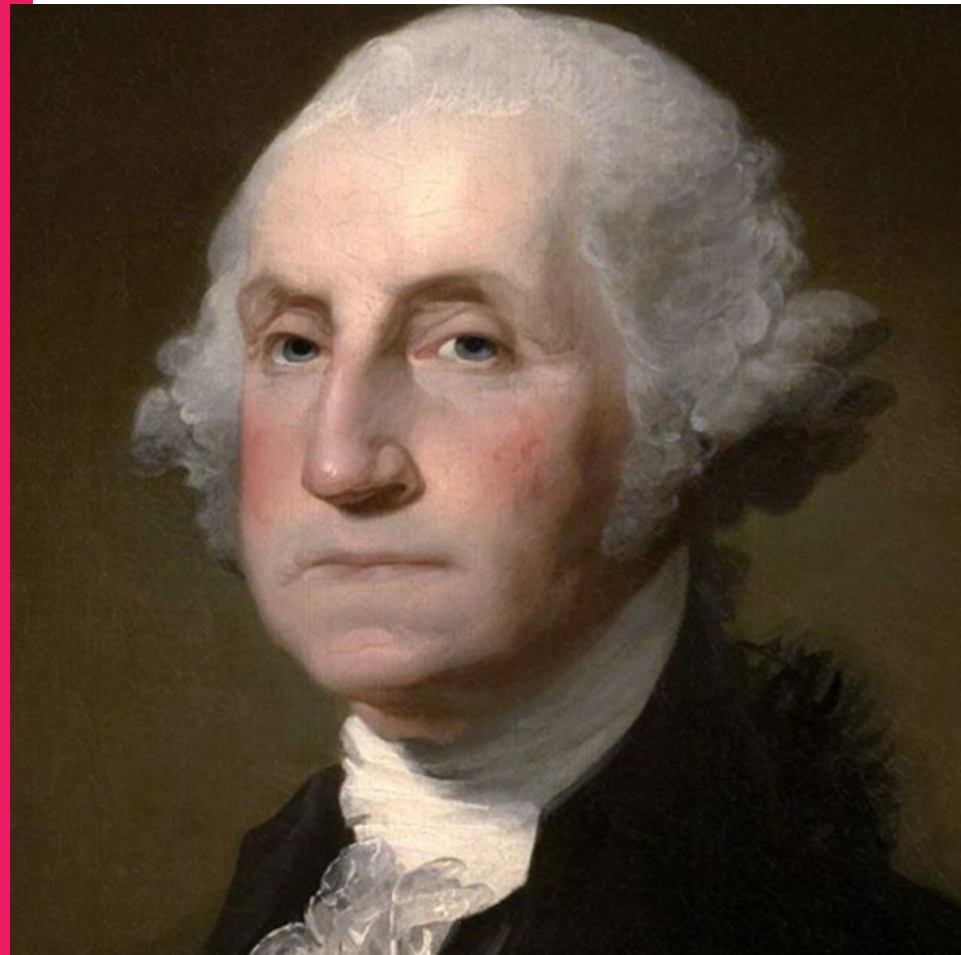
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"commotions of this sort, like snow-balls, gather strength as they roll, if there is no opposition in the way to divide and crumble them."

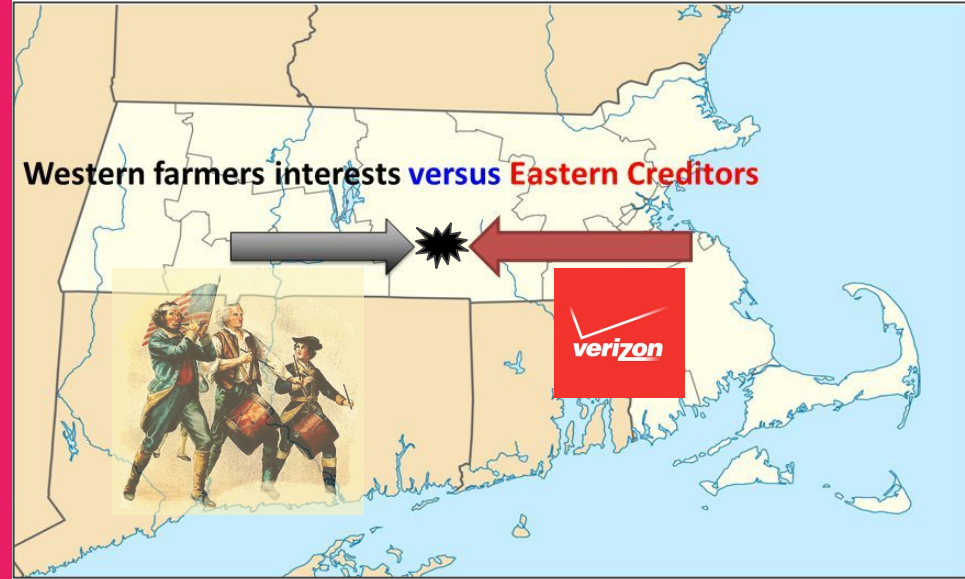
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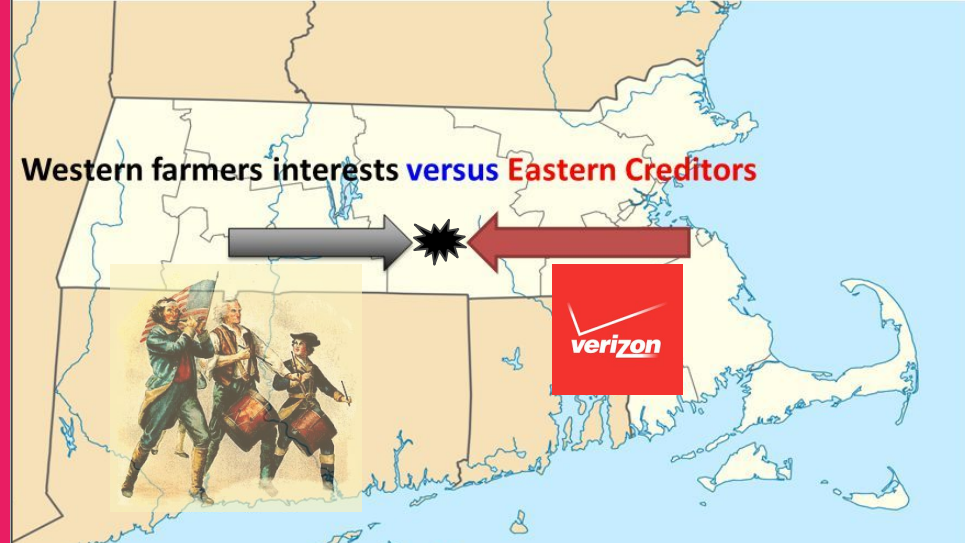
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Do you agree with Shays' decision to rebel? Why or why not?

Directions

Create a flipbook of what happened. Include a title and the 7 scenes. One sentence & drawing per page