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Section 1: Strengths of the Articles of Confederation

Directions: Fill in the blanks to complete the key strengths of the Articles of Confederation.

1. **State Sovereignty:** Each state kept its _____ and had a lot of power to govern itself.
 - Why was this important? _____
 2. **Unified during the Revolutionary War:** The Articles provided a framework for _____ during the war.
 - How did this help the colonies? _____
 3. **Treaty of Paris:** The Articles enabled the signing of the Treaty of Paris in _____, ending the Revolutionary War.
 - What did the Treaty of Paris accomplish?

 4. **Northwest Ordinance of 1787:** This law established a process for _____ and prohibited _____ in the Northwest Territory.
 - Why was the Northwest Ordinance important?

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Section 2: Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Directions: Fill in the blanks to complete the key weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

1. **Weak Central Government:** The Articles created a government without an executive branch, meaning there was no _____ to enforce laws.
 - Why was this a problem? _____
2. **No Power to Tax:** The federal government could not _____ taxes and had to rely on _____ contributions.
 - How did this affect the government's ability to function?

3. **No National Army:** The Articles made it difficult to raise a _____ army.
 - Why was this a weakness? _____
4. **No National Judiciary:** There was no system of federal _____ to resolve disputes between states.
 - How did this impact the states? _____