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**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!! EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

You are the star reporter for the **DAILY AMERICAN**, a newspaper which has been published since the Declaration of Independence was signed. The mission of the **DAILY AMERICAN** is to keep the American people updated on all the news about the emerging United States of America. You have received (from a reliable source) some information entitled, “The Need For A New Plan Of Government.” (see attached) You want to dazzle both the American people and the Editor-in-Chief of the paper by delivering this information in a way that they’ll be able to understand it.

After reading the attached information, you have to choose one of the following topics to share with your readers:

1. The Articles of Confederation: 2 powers granted by the Articles

2 powers not granted by the Articles

at least one problem with the way the Articles are set up.

OR

2. Shay’s Rebellion: What was it?

What did it cause to be re-examined?

What changed as a result of it?

You are to communicate the key points of your topic with your readers in on of the following ways:

* An advertisement
* A “Dear Abby” column
* A Want Ad
* A Feature Article
* An Editorial
* A “Sketch Essay” (The camera was not yet invented…sketch artists were all the rage)

Sample in on the next page…………………………………………………………………………………………

**DEADLINE:**

# Sample “Dear Abby”

Dear Abby,

My girlfriend says that the Articles of Confederation were not all bad as a system of government. She says that even thought the Articles had some problems, that they did establish some good governmental principles. I say she’s wrong. Who’s right ?

Signed,

Battle Fatigued in Brooklyn

Dear Battle Fatigued,

Although the Articles of Confederation did have some problems, such as limiting Congress’s powers to pass laws, levy and collect taxes and regulate trade, it did establish some sound governmental principles. The Articles allowed Congress to declare war and to sign peace and other international treaties. Perhaps most significantly, it enabled the United States to stay together and to win the Revolutionary War. So, even thought there were some problems with the Articles they weren’t all bad. You owe your Sweetie an apology!

PLEASE SEE ME IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS! THE **DEALINE**  IS:\_\_9/11/15\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!