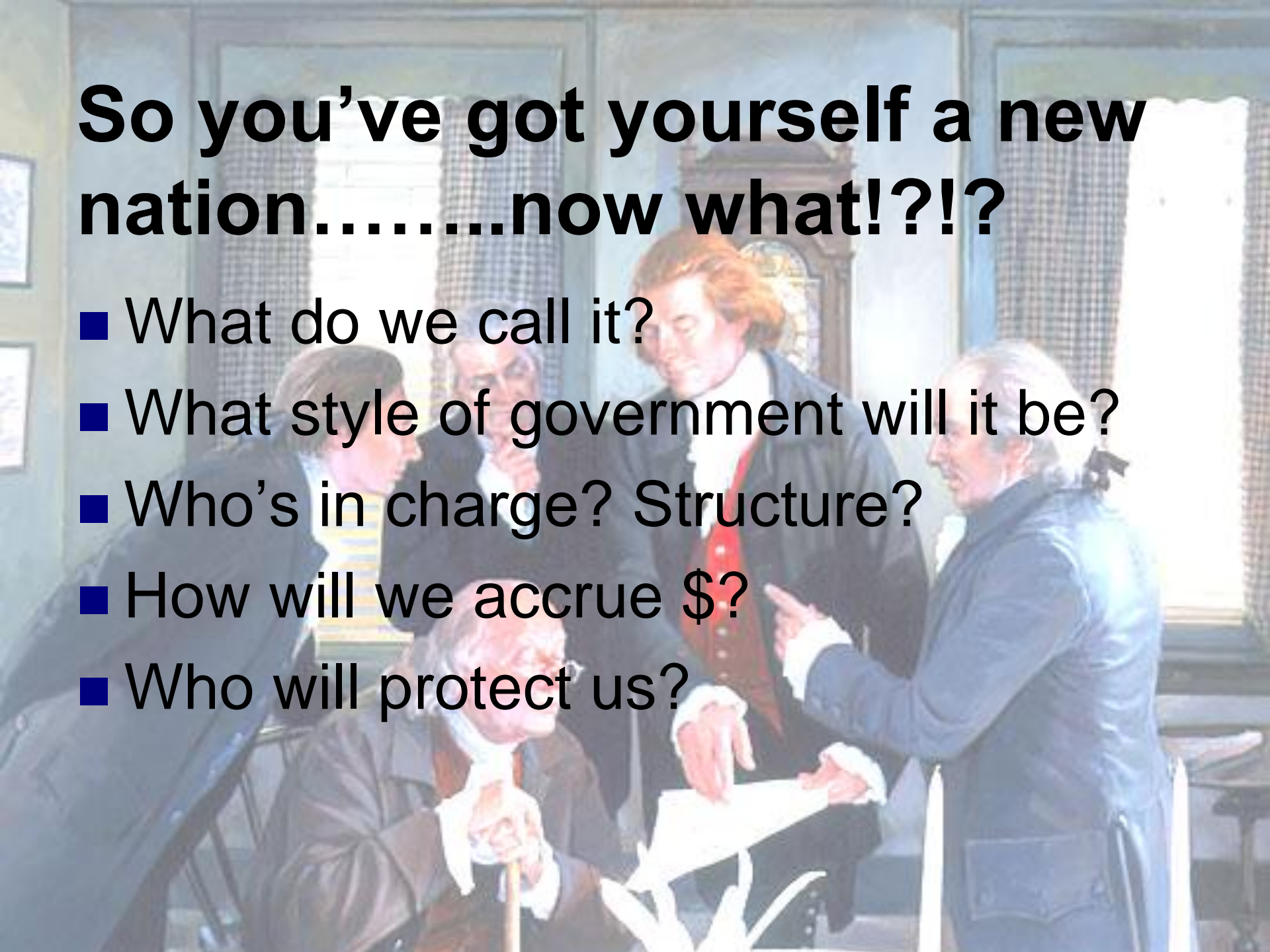


# So you've got yourself a new nation.....now what!?!?

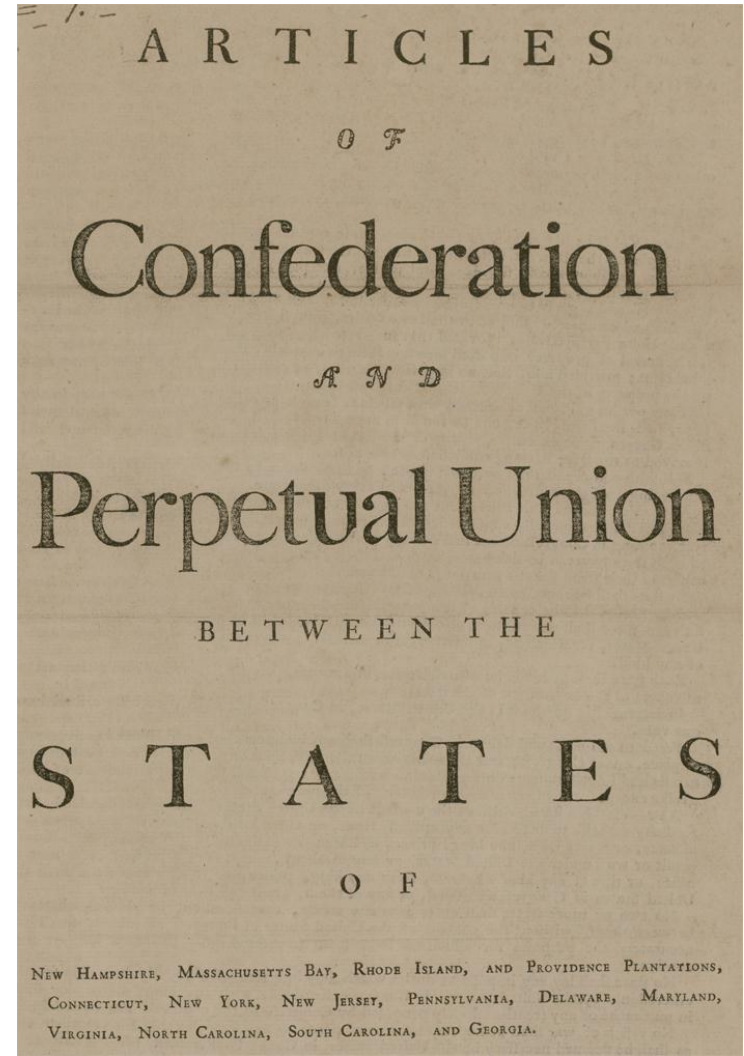
- What do we call it?
- What style of government will it be?
- Who's in charge? Structure?
- How will we accrue \$?
- Who will protect us?



# The Articles of Confederation

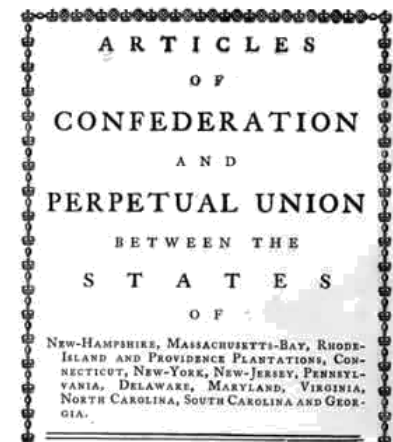
Allowed for:

- A Confederation Congress
  - \*Could declare war and raise armies
  - \*Negotiate & make treaties with other nations



# Problems with the Articles of Confederation

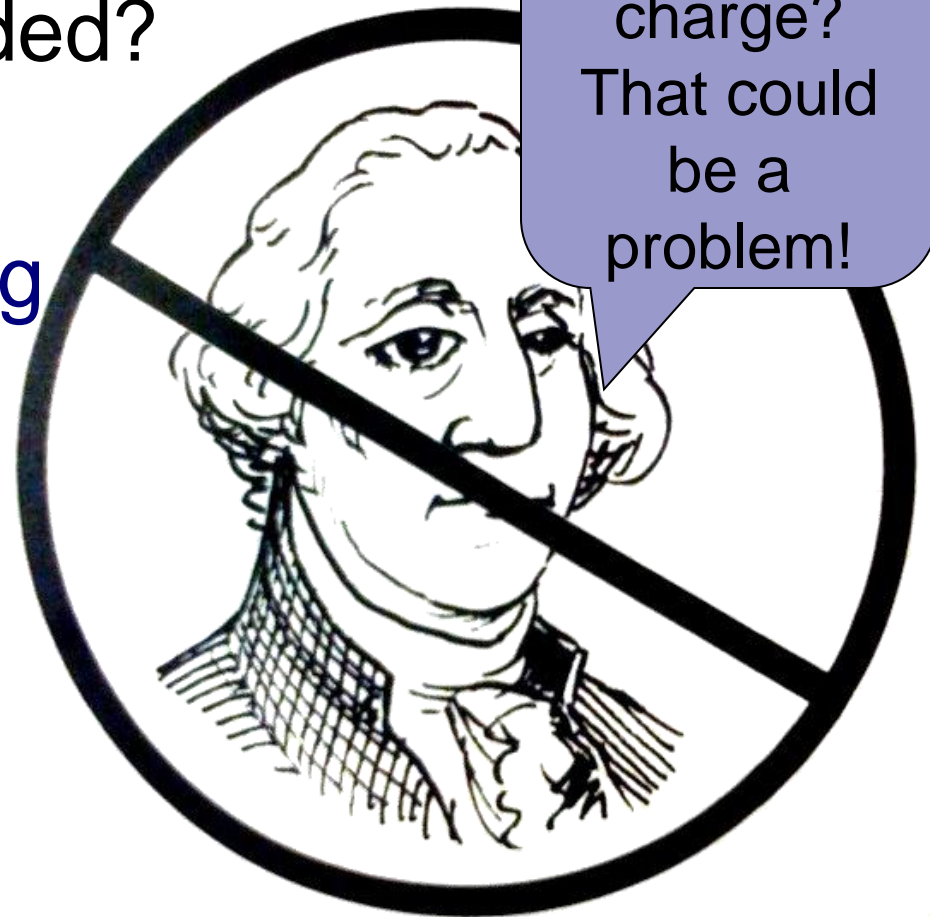
Founders: “We may  
have screwed this up!”



# A. No Chief Executive

- Why was this included?

Americans were fearful of another king ruling over them.



**B.** Laws need to be approved by 9 of 13 states

■ Possible Problem:

It would take 9 states pass any new law.

Wow that's a lot of people to try to convince!



**C.** Congress did not have the power to tax citizens. It could only request money from states.

■ Why was this included?

England had passed too many unfair taxes!

Without any money I can't provide any services!



**D.** Congress did not have the power to draft an army. It could only request states to send men for military service.

■ Possible Problem:

If the country needed to be defended, no one had to help!

Wow! Hope nothing bad happens!



# E. No national court system.

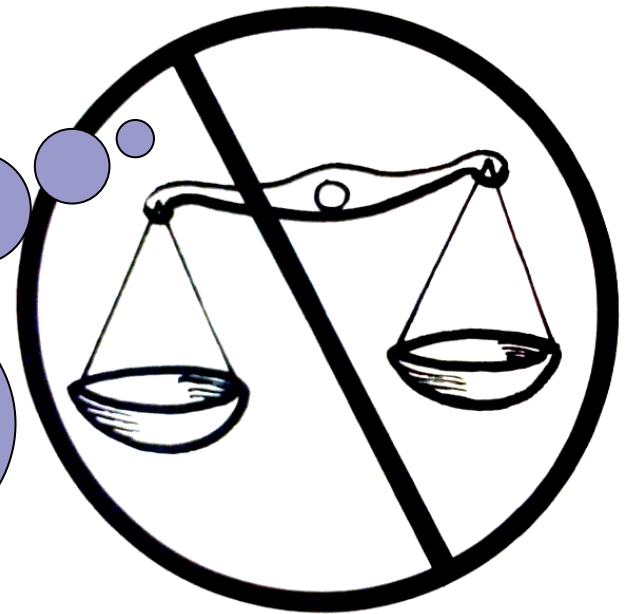
## ■ Possible Problem:

The Laws were not the same everywhere.

How could anyone figure out what rules to follow?!

What a mess!

No one will know what's going on!





**F.** Any amendments (changes) to the Articles must be approved by all 13 states.

■ Why was this included?

Wanted everyone to have a say in how things were run.

So that means just one of us can ruin everything!? Oops!

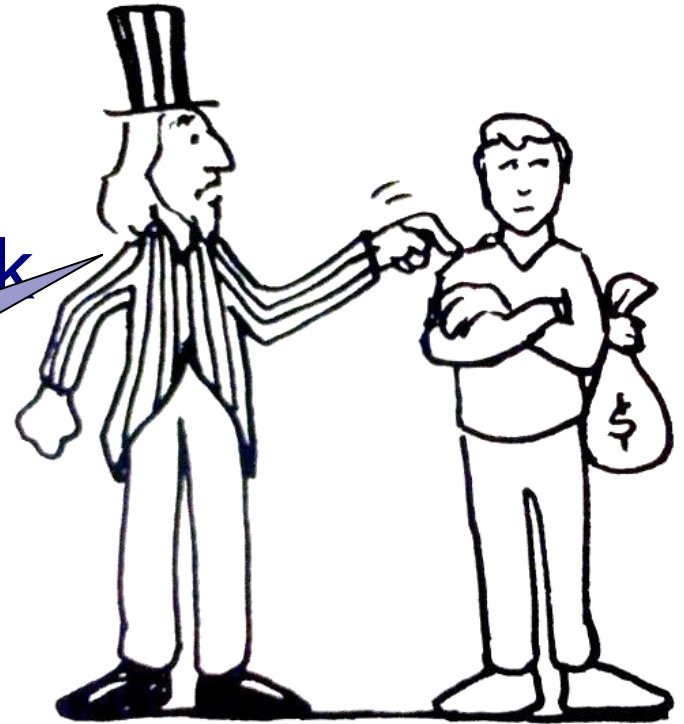


**G.** No Congress did not have the power to collect state debts owed to the federal government

■ Possible Problem:

If they help the states, they may not get the money back

So I can't raise a tax to get it back or make a new law so I can get back my money either?!

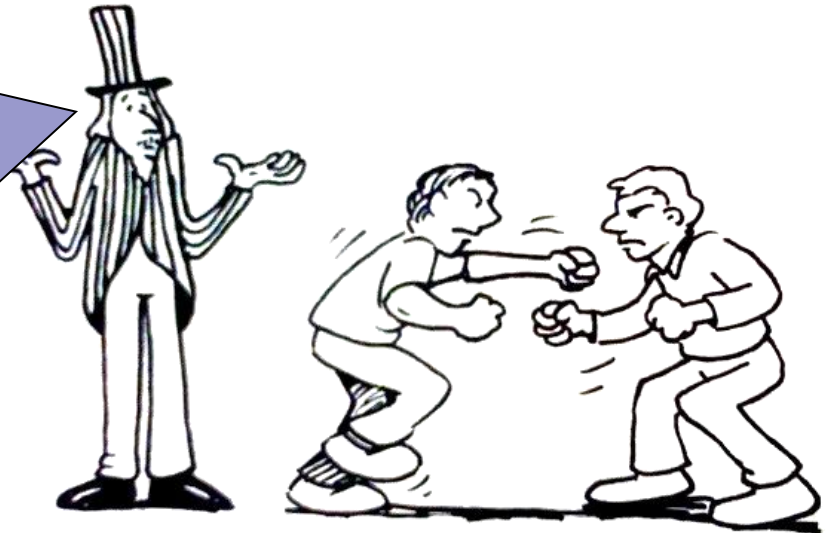


# H. Congress did not have power to settle disputes

- Why was this included?

Didn't want the government to be able to interfere with public.

Well I can't raise an army!  
You guys don't have the same laws and I can't make a new one to help. Plus you decided to have no leader to help you...



# Articles of Confederation





# Exit Slip

- On a half sheet of paper, answer questions 1 & 2 on the “Some Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation” activity on pg. 105