

## Learning Unit No. 7 "The Critical Period"

Note: L.U. 7 involves chapter 10

### Unit Outcomes:

1. Describe the initial government developed by the Continental Congress.
2. Explain the idea of republicanism and its impact on the new country.
3. Explain the way the Congress under the Articles of Confederation resolved the issue of western lands.
4. Identify the problems facing the country under the Articles of Confederation.

### Outline:

- I. Articles of Confederation
  - A. reasons for a confederation
  - B. nature of the first national government
  - C. republicanism and social change
- II. dealing with the western lands
  - A. the issue
  - B. a farsighted resolution (Ordinance of 1785, Northwest Ordinance)
- III. problems facing the Confederation
  - A. currency
  - B. revenue
  - C. foreign affairs
  - D. domestic tensions
- IV. analysis of the period

### Key terms, names, and quotations:

Daniel Boone	Cumberland Gap
republic	executive
confederation	legislative
Northwest Territory	judicial
Shays' Rebellion	inflation

### Readings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. pp. 217 - 222
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. pp. 224 - 227
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. pp. 229 - 231
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. pp. 235 - 236 (Chapter 11)