**The Articles of Confederation**

*The GOOD:*

* It was the first form of a constitution in the U.S.
* It was a way of loosely uniting the 13 colonies.
* It gave power to make war and peace.
* It could raise an army and navy, print money, and create a postal system.

*The NOT SO GOOD:*

* It did not give the FEDERAL government enough power; therefore it could not impose taxes in which to operate sufficiently.
* It was too weak to bind the states together into a collective, powerful nation.
* It did not divide the power among the three branches of government, like we have today.