***The Big Three Ideas: Experimenting with a Nation***

*Use the following “Big Three” quotes and questions to guide your note taking from the article.*

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| **“Revolutions are difficult….but building a strong nation was much harder. It seemed as though the 13 states would never get along. They certainly weren’t united” (147). “Most people still thought of themselves first as citizens of the state they lived in” (149). “How could arguments between the states be settled unless a central government had more power than any one state” (150)?** |
| **“As you can see, the United States got off to a rocky start. We didn’t have a good working plan for a government” (148). “The national government, under the Articles of Confederation, was just too weak” (149). “There was one good thing about the Articles of Confederation: they were so weak they made a strong constitution possible” (150).** |
| **“How do you provide freedom for each person and still have a government powerful enough to accomplish things” (149)? (Use article facts as well as your own ideas to answer.)**  C:\Users\Kelly\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\KIOHZFSK\MC900237283[1].wmf |