



The colonists wrote

the Articles of

Confederation after

they began fighting

for independence.



They showed how the
government of the
new country would
operate and were
adopted in 1781.



They said the country
would be a union of
states that could act
independently . . .

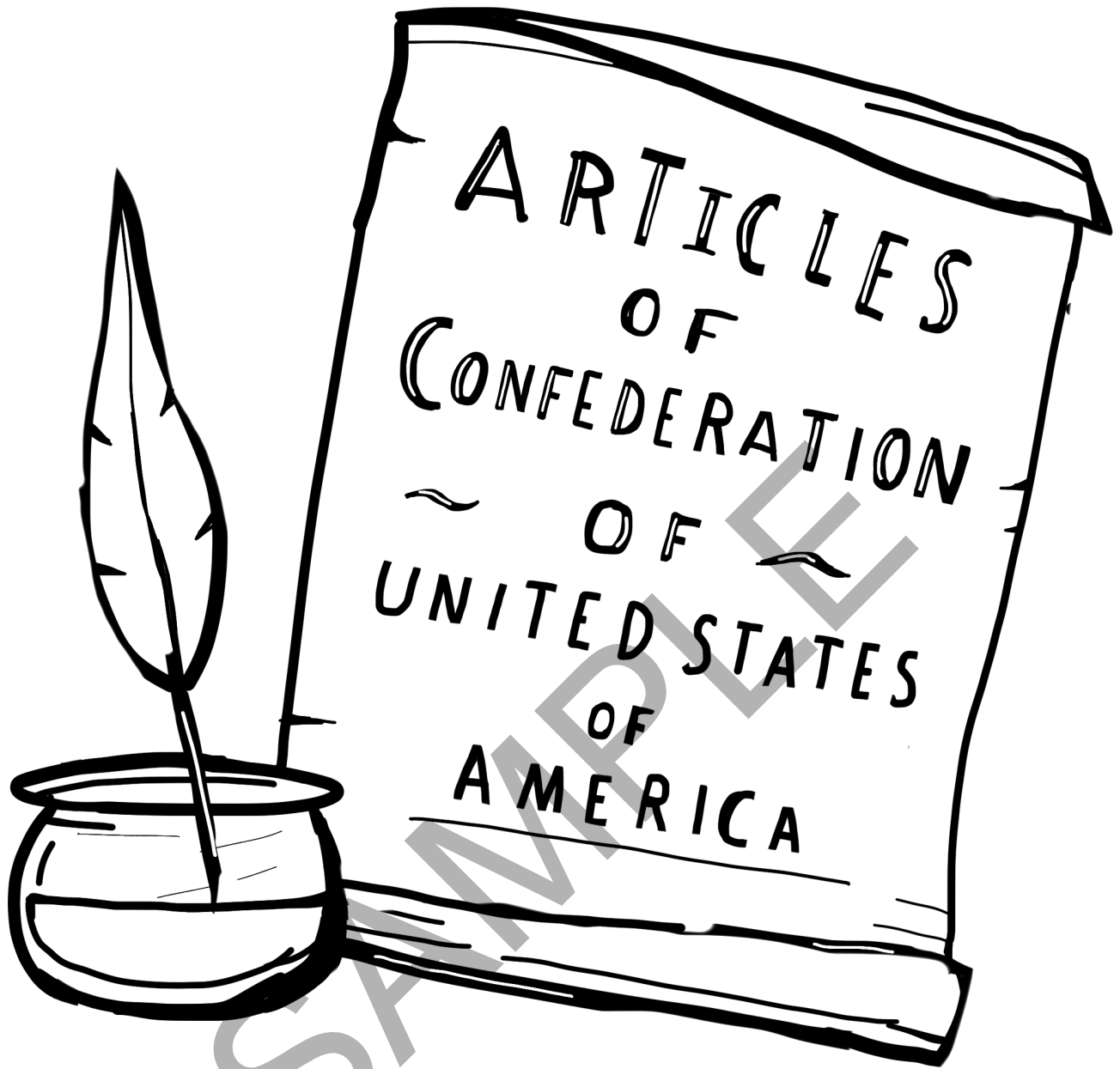


without the

interference of a

common supreme

government.

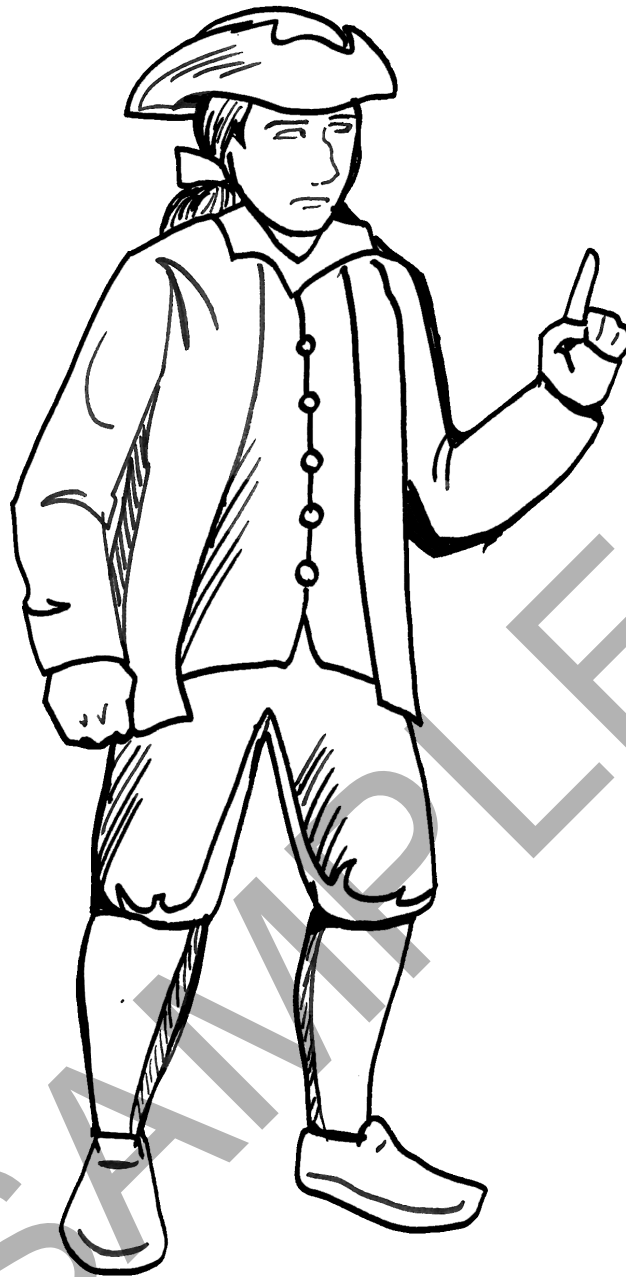


The supreme

government could make

rules, but it could not

enforce them.



The colonists didn't
want a powerful
central government
because . . .

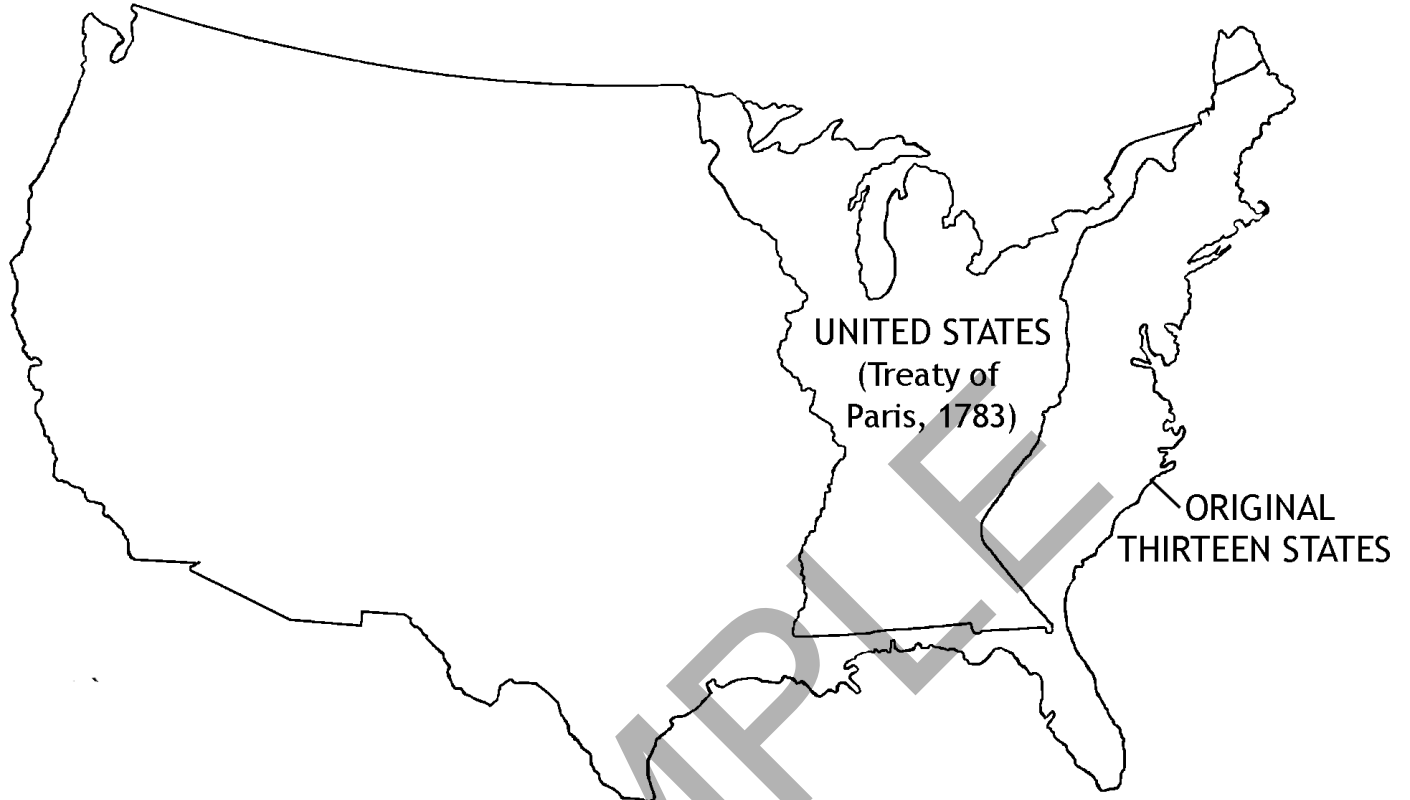


they were upset

about how Britain's

government had

ruled them.



The Revolutionary

War ended in 1783,

but by the mid-1780s,

many colonies

were . . .



issuing their own

money, taxing

products from the

other states, and not

working together.