

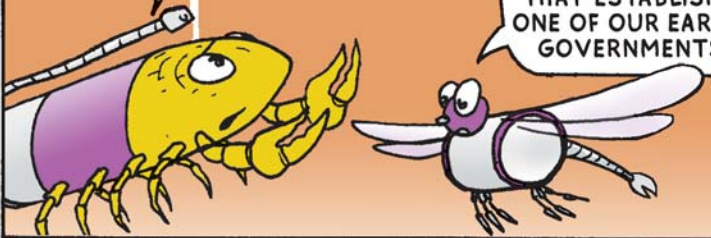
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BE KIND
BE SAFE
BE THINKING



CAN YOU BELIEVE ALL THESE CLASSROOM RULES, DRAGONFLY?!

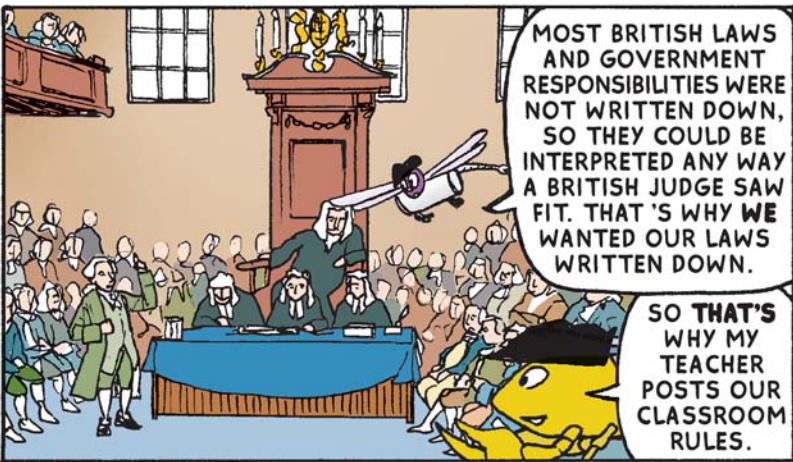
SCORPY, RULES CREATE ORDER AND KEEP US SAFE JUST LIKE THE **ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION** THAT ESTABLISHED ONE OF OUR EARLIER GOVERNMENTS.



AFTER DECLARING INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED COLONIES THAT WERE NOW STATES NEEDED A NEW GOVERNMENT.



WHO NEEDS GOVERNMENT? I THOUGHT THE COLONIES WANTED TO BE INDEPENDENT FROM RULES!




MOST BRITISH LAWS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES WERE NOT WRITTEN DOWN, SO THEY COULD BE INTERPRETED ANY WAY A BRITISH JUDGE SAW FIT. THAT'S WHY WE WANTED OUR LAWS WRITTEN DOWN.

SO THAT'S WHY MY TEACHER POSTS OUR CLASSROOM RULES.



THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION WERE APPROVED BY THE ORIGINAL 13 STATES BY 1781.

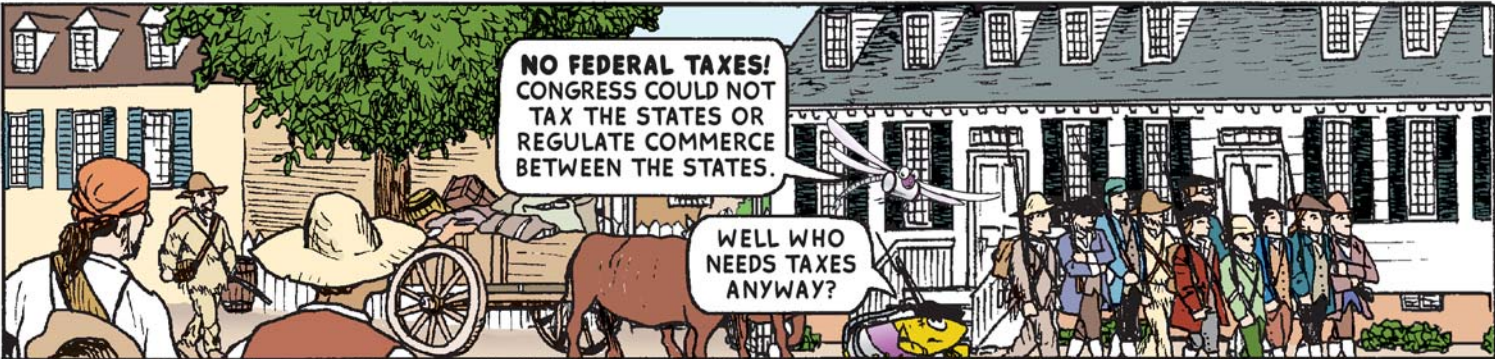
WHEW! FINALLY, WRITTEN RULES THEY CAN FOLLOW!



THE COLONISTS WANTED A WEAK NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD NOT DENY THEM THEIR RIGHTS, AND IN THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY GOT. THERE WERE PROBLEMS.




WHAT WENT WRONG?



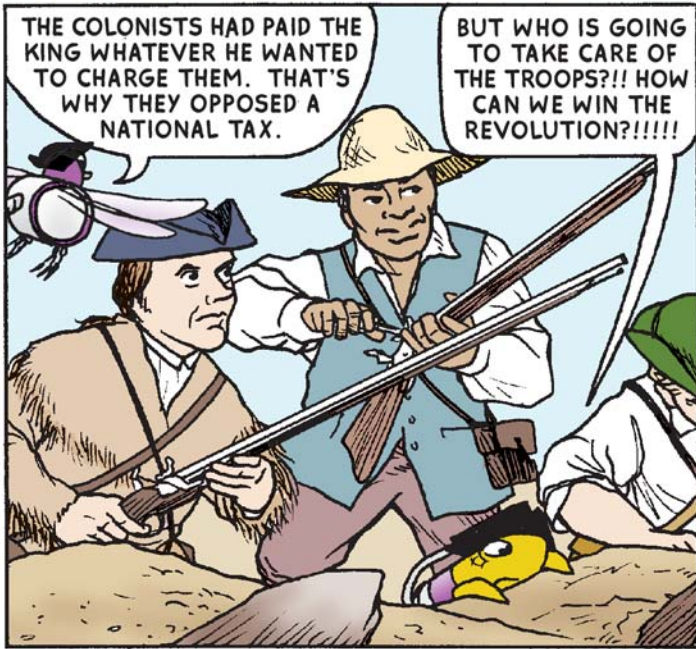
NO FEDERAL TAXES! CONGRESS COULD NOT TAX THE STATES OR REGULATE COMMERCE BETWEEN THE STATES.

WELL WHO NEEDS TAXES ANYWAY?



REMEMBER, SCORPY, THE NEW STATES WERE FIGHTING A WAR. SOLDIERS NEEDED WEAPONS, FOOD, AND CLOTHING AS WELL AS A SALARY. THIS MONEY COMES FROM TAXES THAT CITIZENS PAY TO GOVERNMENT. WITHOUT TAXES, WHO PAYS THOSE BILLS?

HMM, I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY...



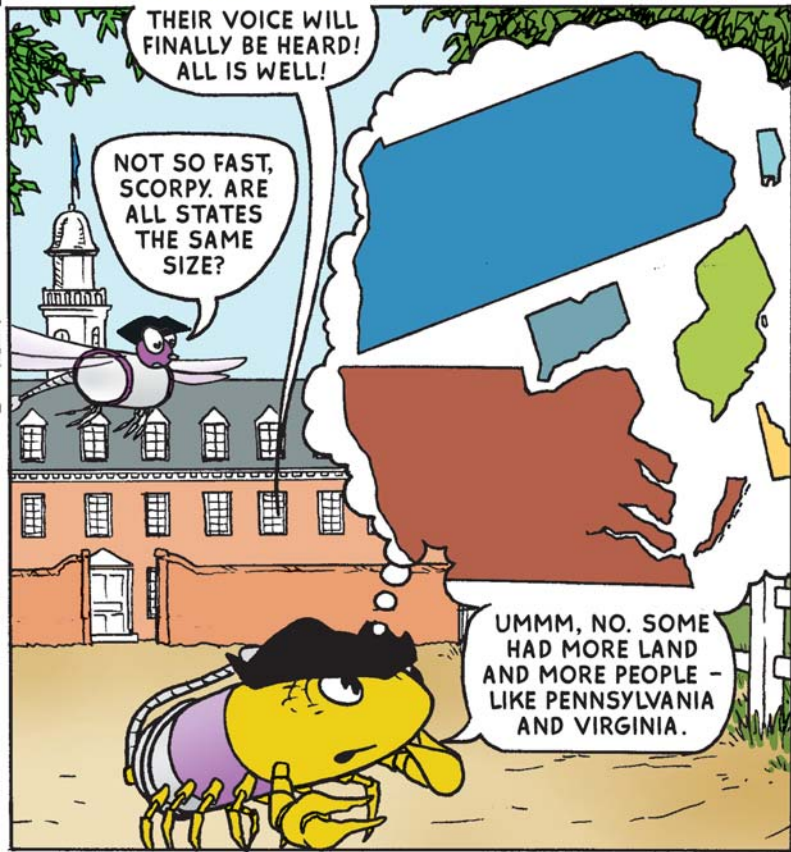
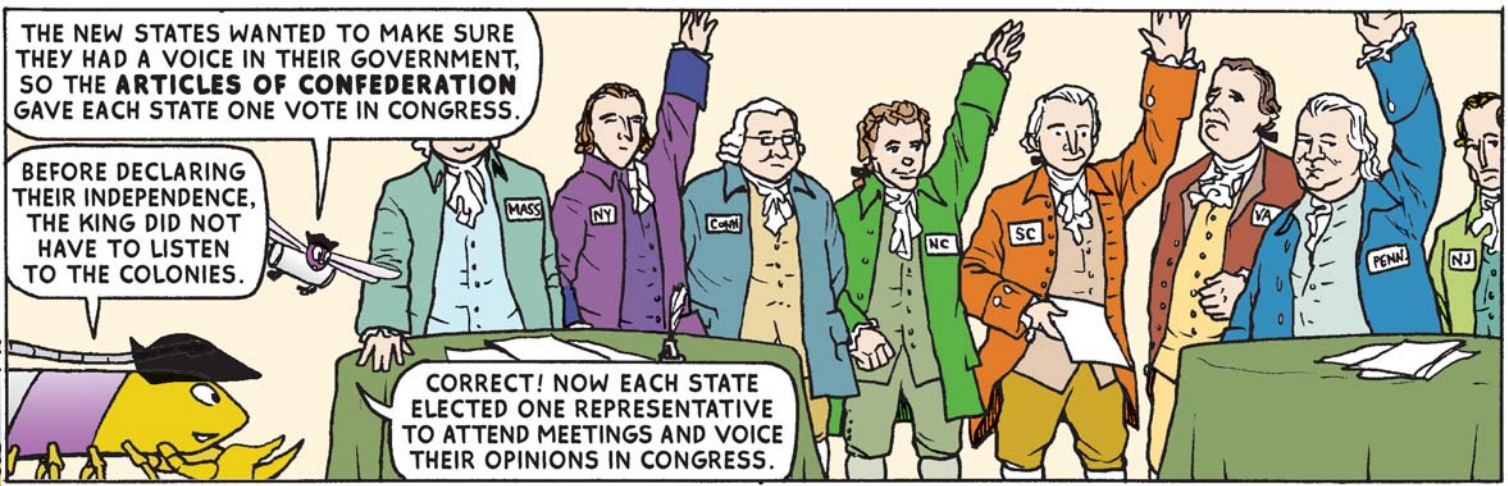
THE COLONISTS HAD PAID THE KING WHATEVER HE WANTED TO CHARGE THEM. THAT'S WHY THEY OPPOSED A NATIONAL TAX.

BUT WHO IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE TROOPS?! HOW CAN WE WIN THE REVOLUTION?!!!!!

THE NEW STATES WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD A VOICE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT, SO THE **ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION** GAVE EACH STATE ONE VOTE IN CONGRESS.

BEFORE DECLARING THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THE KING DID NOT HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE COLONIES.

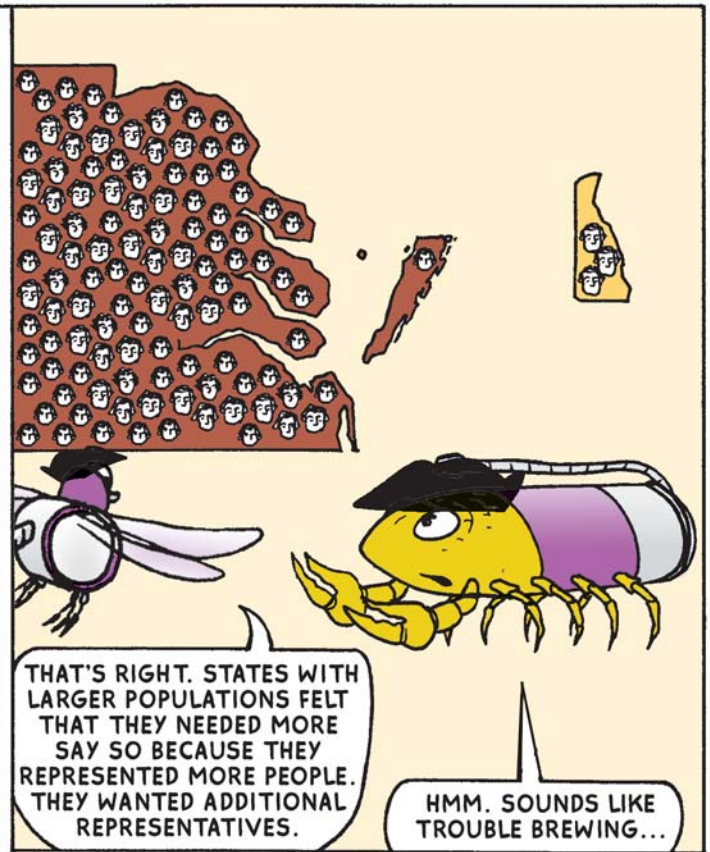
CORRECT! NOW EACH STATE ELECTED ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS IN CONGRESS.



THEIR VOICE WILL FINALLY BE HEARD! ALL IS WELL!

NOT SO FAST, SCORPY. ARE ALL STATES THE SAME SIZE?

UMMM, NO. SOME HAD MORE LAND AND MORE PEOPLE - LIKE PENNSYLVANIA AND VIRGINIA.

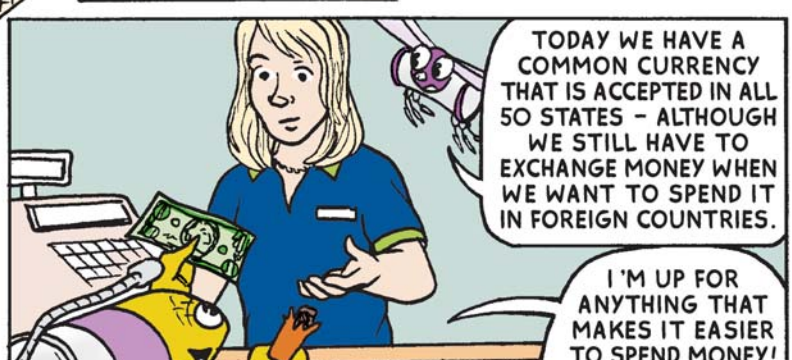
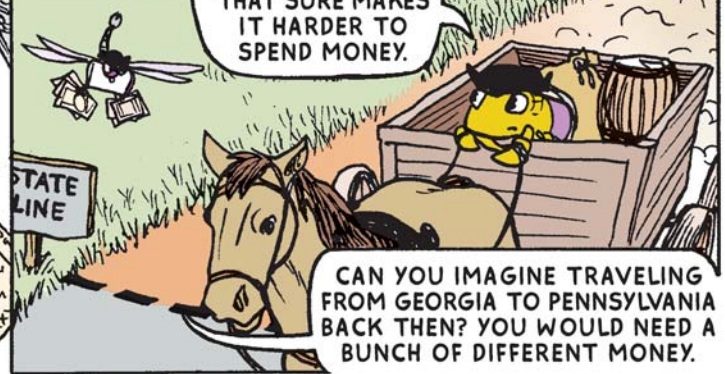
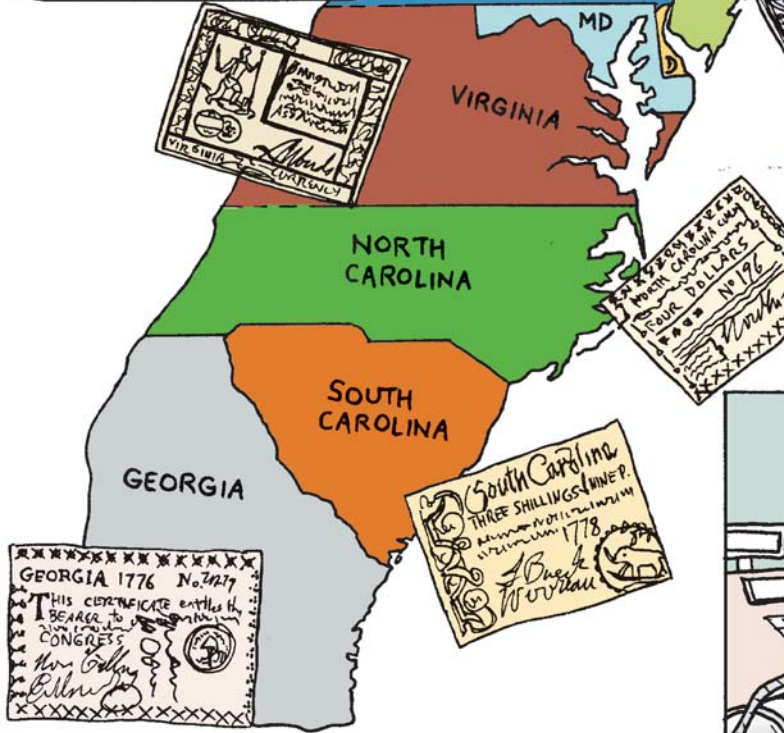
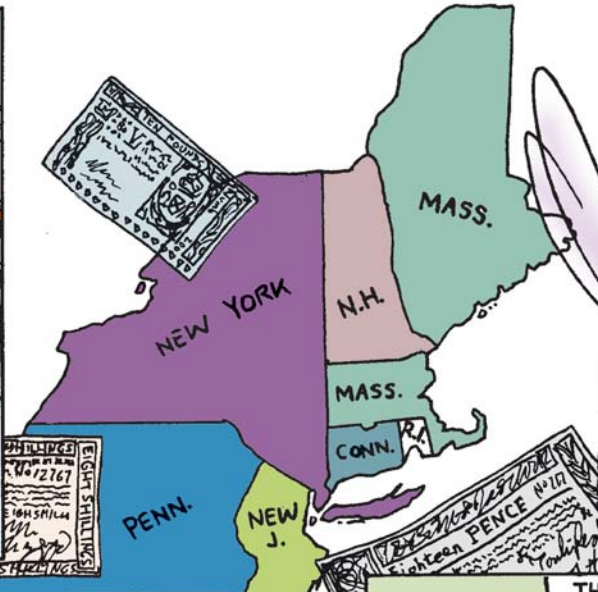


THAT'S RIGHT. STATES WITH LARGER POPULATIONS FELT THAT THEY NEEDED MORE SAY SO BECAUSE THEY REPRESENTED MORE PEOPLE. THEY WANTED ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

HMM. SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE BREWING...

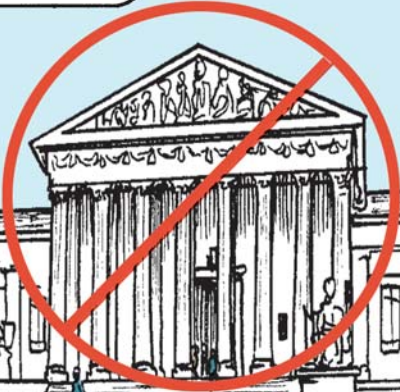


HERE YOU GO, SCORPY. THAT REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER WEAKNESS IN THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION - EACH STATE HAD THEIR OWN CURRENCY OR MONEY.



SO, DRAGONFLY, WHAT HAPPENS IF STATES DISAGREE?

UNDER THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, THERE WERE NO FEDERAL COURTS TO MONITOR DISPUTES BETWEEN THE STATES.



WELL, I GUESS THE PRESIDENT COULD STEP IN TO HELP.

NO, SCORPY, HE COULD NOT. THE PRESIDENT'S ONLY JOB UNDER THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION WAS TO RUN THE MEETINGS.

BUT THERE'S NO LEADERSHIP, NO UNITY!!!

EXACTLY! THEIR GOVERNMENT WAS A CONFEDERATION, WITH A LOOSE ASSOCIATION OF STATES WITH A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THAT DID NOT HAVE POWER TO MAKE MANY DECISIONS. STATE GOVERNMENTS HAD MOST OF THE POWER.

SOUNDS LIKE ME LIKE THE STATES WERE MORE LIKE INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES.

EXACTLY!

AS OUR COUNTRY CHANGED, IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT A STRONGER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS NEEDED.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T GET AN AMERICAN KING!