

1 The Articles of Confederation Congress has the power to decide what amount of revenue each state should provide. It is based on the value of the land. -Speech, James Madison in the Continental Congress on Revenue on February 21, 1783	2 James Madison says in a speech that the Articles of Confederation Congress has the power to borrow money and expect the states to pay to the common treasury. -Speech, James Madison in the Continental Congress on Revenue on February 21, 1783
3 The army may break up instead of work for no pay. There is no money in the treasury and no money available to be borrowed. -Letter, James Madison to Thomas Jefferson from Philadelphia on March 27, 1780	4 James Madison writes to Thomas Jefferson about states needing to collect money for the treasury or the country could fail. General Washington has written that the army has begun to run out of food. -Letter, James Madison to Thomas Jefferson from Philadelphia on March 27, 1780
5 America will not be able to borrow money in Europe if they see her as a country whose people are unreliable in collecting taxes. John Adams says the people in America don't understand the importance of the money and paying on time. -Letter, John Adams to the President of Congress from Leyden on March 29, 1781	6 James Madison writes that the Articles of Confederation Congress needs more forceful powers to make states do what they should do according to the Articles of Confederation. He singles out Delaware's refusal to vote on a particular issue. -Letter, James Madison to Thomas Jefferson from Philadelphia on April 16, 1781
7 According to the Articles of Confederation, states are not supposed to make individual agreements with other nations yet "Georgia has a treaty with the Indians". -James Madison's "Vices of the Political System of the United States, April 1781	8 Maintaining an army that is respected has not happened. . .the poor soldiers have not had proper food, clothing, or pay during the Revolutionary War. -Letter, William Tudor to John Adams from Boston on February 5, 1781
9 Regulating trade cannot be enforced until voted on. A certain percentage of the states must approve it. -Letter, James Madison to James Monroe from Orange on August 7, 1785	10 Congress needs money. William Lee writes to John Adams that there is lot of money in Europe (Holland) if he could get it and if Holland would be willing to lend it. -Letter, William Lee to John Adams from Bruxelles on January 28, 1781

11 Benjamin Franklin, in France, wrote to John Adams that Congress keeps asking him to borrow money but he doesn't want them to keep asking. However, Congress is trying to make sure the army has clothing. -Letter, Benjamin Franklin to John Adams from Amsterdam on April 27, 1781	12 The powers of Europe want American goods. Trade is very important. Franklin writes, "There is an Appetite here, for American Trade, as ravenous [very hungry] as that of a shark for his Prey. And if they saw danger of having this Trade broke up, they would do much to save it." -Letter, Benjamin Franklin to John Adams from Amsterdam on April 27, 1781
13 It is becoming increasingly necessary to add a tax on trading. All states would not accept it equally or support it. There is a huge need to bring more money into the United States. -James Madison's Memorandum on Conversation Regarding the Continental Army on February 20, 1783	14 John Adams is wondering why Spain will not sign a treaty with the U.S. Adams says that Spain is not very powerful. -Letter, John Adams to Benjamin Franklin from Leyden on April 16, 1781
15 John Adams complains that Great Britain is borrowing money from Italy, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and France to fight America yet no one will let America borrow money. --Letter, John Adams to Benjamin Franklin from Leyden on April 16, 1781	16 William Lee complains that the war has been going on for a while and only France accepts America's independence. -Letter, William Lee to John Adams from Bruxelles on January 28, 1781
17 James Madison states that trading with foreign nations is an important job for our country and must be entered into by Congress with caution. -Letter, Edmund Randolph from James Madison from Philadelphia in May 1783	18 James Madison writes to Thomas Jefferson about the difficulty of getting 9 states to agree on signing a treaty (the minimum amount required). -Letter, Thomas Jefferson from James Madison from Philadelphia on August 12, 1786
19 Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware are going to work together to build a canal from the Chesapeake to the Delaware River. -Letter, Thomas Jefferson from James Madison from Philadelphia on August 12, 1786	20 Massachusetts and Connecticut are allowing the people in their state who have debts in other states to pay with different paper money. -Letter, Thomas Jefferson from James Madison from Philadelphia on August 12, 1786