

Post-Trial Questions

1. Was there the opportunity for a peaceful solution to the conflict between the farmers of Massachusetts and the State of Massachusetts, or did the system of government under the Articles of Confederation make that impossible? Explain your reasoning.
2. Why is it useful to assign blame after incidents like Shays' Rebellion? What does assigning blame allow others to do?
3. Can you think of an example in society today where someone is assigning blame rather than stepping up and taking responsibility for their part in a problem?
4. The Articles of Confederation didn't allow the United States to live up to its ideal image of itself. What aspects of the Constitution ensure that the country can adapt to societal change and times of crisis?