1. Articles of Confederation- a plan for national government where states would keep their freedom and independence

2. ratify- to approve something

3. legislative branch- the part of the government that PASSES laws

4. executive branch- the part of the government that CARRIES out laws- example: President

5. judicial branch- or a court system to interpret the laws

6. inflation- happens when prices rise very quickly

7. Shay's Rebellion- movement by farmers to protest high taxes

8. Northwest Ordinance- an order that commanded that the Northwest Territory be divided into smaller territories