

# Shays' Rebellion WebQuest

## Directions:

1. Go to <http://shaysrebellion.stcc.edu/> and click on "Historic Scenes"
2. Explore each scene and answer the questions below in complete sentences.

## **War's End**

### *Overview-A Precarious Situation*

1. What was the Newburgh Conspiracy?

### *Overview-Emergency Measures*

2. Who's suggestion was it to allow soldiers to keep their, "uniforms, muskets, and other army-issued equipment"?

### *Army (Tab)*

3. According to Thomas Foster's Diary, what two questions seemed to be on every soldier's lips?

## **Boom and Bust**

### *Boom (Tab)*

4. In November 1783, how was business for storeowner John Williams?
  
5. List 3 items available for purchase, at affordable prices, from Williams Store.

### *Portrait (Image)*

6. Why was sugar harder to get and more expensive during the war?

### *Bust (Tab)*

7. What was different about John Williams store in the fall of 1784 as opposed to the fall of 1783?
  
8. What was specie?
  
9. What is the difference between direct taxes and indirect taxes?

## **Petition and Protest**

### *Overview-Under Siege*

10. What were the Courts of Common Pleas, and what kinds of cases were tried there?

11. What were the Supreme Judicial Courts, and what kind of cases was tried there?

12. In 1780, what group of individuals referred to themselves as the “Regulators”?

#### *Overview-An Uneasy Truce*

13. What 3 demands did Captain. Daniel Shays make to General Shepard on behalf of the “Regulators”?

#### **A Bloody Encounter**

##### *Overview-At the Arsenal*

14. When and where (specific) did Shays’ Rebellion take place?

##### *Regulators (Tab)*

15. How many Rebels stormed the Massachusetts Arsenal on January 25, 1787?

16. According to the text, what was the reason for taking the Arsenal in the first place?

##### *Government (Tab)*

17. True or False-Daniel Shays and the Regulators successfully took over the Arsenal, and had their concerns and grievances heard in a court of law? (If False, briefly describe the outcome of Shays Rebellion)

#### **Taking the Oath**

##### *Observers (Bottom left box)*

18. How did George Washington feel about Daniel Shays after the rebellion?

##### *Overview-Partial Pardon*

19. What was the Disqualification Act?

20. List 3 effects/outcomes that resulted from the passing of the Disqualification Act?

##### *Regulators-Defeat*

21. What became of Captain Daniel Shays after the rebellion?

#### **Making a Nation**

##### *Overview-Fatal Flaws*

22. What weakness of the Articles of Confederation did Edmond Randolph speak of in the opening speech of the 1787 Philadelphia Convention?