



What is Shays Rebellion? - Quiz

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Q1. Where did Shays Rebellion take place?

- A. Massachusetts
- B. Virginia
- C. New York
- D. Pennsylvania

Q2. What was one of the main causes of Shays Rebellion?

- A. High taxes and debt
- B. Religious conflicts
- C. Foreign invasion
- D. Land disputes with Native Americans

Q3. Who was Daniel Shays?

- A. A former Continental Army captain
- B. A Boston merchant
- C. A Massachusetts governor
- D. A British spy

Q4. What did the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780 require for voting?

- A. A net worth of 60 pounds
- B. Military service
- C. Ownership of a farm
- D. Membership in a church

Q5. How did Governor Bowdoin respond to Shays Rebellion?

- A. Hired a private army
- B. Negotiated with the rebels
- C. Reduced taxes immediately
- D. Resigned from office

Q6. What was the outcome of the attack on the Springfield Armory?

- A. The regulators were defeated
- B. The armory was captured by the rebels
- C. The government surrendered
- D. A peace treaty was signed

Q7. What was the Disqualification Act?

- A. A law barring rebels from voting and holding office
- B. A tax relief measure for farmers
- C. A pardon for all rebels
- D. A new constitution for Massachusetts

Q8. How did Shays Rebellion influence the U.S. government?

- A. It spurred the movement for a stronger federal government
- B. It led to the abolition of taxes
- C. It caused the dissolution of the Union
- D. It resulted in British reoccupation

Q9. What was the economic status of most farmers in western Massachusetts during Shays Rebellion?

- A. Struggling with debt and taxes
- B. Prosperous and wealthy
- C. Completely self-sufficient
- D. Supported by the government

Q10. What was the initial response of western Massachusetts towns to their grievances?

- A. Petitioning the legislature
- B. Immediate armed rebellion
- C. Seceding from Massachusetts
- D. Seeking British intervention

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A