

An uprising of farmers known as Shays's Rebellion highlighted the serious economic and social problems faced by many Americans. It also highlighted the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation. Pretend you are a journalist covering the revolt of farmers in western Massachusetts. It is 1787 and the violence has just ended with the rebels' defeat by state militia. Describe the events that led to Shays's Rebellion. Be sure to connect the rebellion to the effect of a weak federal government under the Articles of Confederation and offer an opinion on steps that could be taken to avoid future rebellions.

