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**AP US History**

**“Shay’s Rebellion”**

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1. Name one reason that the U.S. was in shambles (trouble) after the Revolutionary War.

2. What was the name of the document that set up the weak government of the young nation?

3. Why did farmers in Massachusetts struggle to support their families after the Revolutionary War?

4. What could happen to farmers who could not pay their debts at the time?

5. What was one of the first act of Samuel Adams after becoming State Senate President?

6. Who became the leader of the poor and oppressed farmers of Western Massachusetts who

began to lead and train as a rebel army?

7. Why did the rebel army begin closing courts on September 29, 1786?

8. Ignoring George Washington’s advice to settle the disputes with these rebellious western

farmers, Samuel Adams instead did what?

9. Why couldn’t the federal government send help to the State of Massachusetts against the

rebellion?

10. Where did the Governor of Massachusetts get the help to raise an army against the rebels?

11. Why did the rebel army head to Springfield on January 25, 1787?

12. What would the rebel army do according to its leader if they were successful in winning the

battle at Springfield?

13. What prevented the 3 flanks of the rebel army from attacking the state militia in Springfield

at the same time?

14. What was the sentence for the rebel leaders who were captured when the rebellion was

ended? Were the sentences carried out?

15. The feeling became strong at the time that the republic was falling apart. This led for the call

for a Constitutional Convention. Where did this take place? Who would lead it?

16. What did the delegates of the convention decide to do with the Articles of Confederation?

17. What was the first act of the delegates of the first Congress under of the Constitution?

18. What did Daniel Shays apply for from the government late in his life? Did he receive it?