

# GEORGE WASHINGTON QUOTES

In the video *A More Perfect Union: George Washington and the Making of the Constitution* evidence on the state of the government under the Articles of Confederation is provided using quotes from George Washington. Use this reference sheet to support student research into the primary sources where each quote originally appeared.

Quote	Video Time Stamp	Document	Link to original source
"... whether they will be respectable and prosperous or contemptible or miserable as a nation."	Part 1 – 3:29	Circular Letter to the States, June 8, 1783	<a href="http://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/circular-to-the-states-george-washington-to-the-states-june-8-1783/">http://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/circular-to-the-states-george-washington-to-the-states-june-8-1783/</a>
"That it is necessary to revise and amend the Articles of Confederation, I entertain no doubt. But what may be the consequences of such an attempt is doubtful."	Part 1 – 5:22	George Washington to John Jay, May 18, 1786	<a href="https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/04-04-02-0063">https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/04-04-02-0063</a>
"There are combustibles in every state which a spark may set fire to"	Part 1 – 6:11	George Washington to Henry Knox, December 26, 1786	<a href="https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/04-04-02-0409">https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/04-04-02-0409</a>
"Reform of the present system is indispensable"	Part 1 – 6:20	George Washington to James Madison, March 31, 1787	<a href="https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/04-05-02-0111">https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/04-05-02-0111</a>