

## Shays' Rebellion Film Test

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Directions: Select the best answer for each question based on the information from the video.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. How many militia troops stood between the farmers and ex-Revolutionary soldiers and the ammunition they needed to march on Boston?  
A. 1000  
B. 300  
C. 900  
D. 450
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. George Washington resigned his commission as Commander of the Continental Army. Where did he go?  
A. Massachusetts  
B. South Carolina  
C. Philadelphia  
D. Mt. Vernon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What was one of the big powers of the Articles of Confederation?  
A. Could run the post office  
B. Could levy taxes on citizens  
C. Could raise an army  
D. Mediation of disputes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Who led/ organized the Boston Tea Party?  
A. George Washington  
B. Samuel Adams  
C. Daniel Shays  
D. Henry Knox
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. By 1786, debtors made up \_\_\_\_\_ % of the occupants in prisons in Massachusetts.  
A. 80  
B. 50  
C. 25  
D. 40
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Daniel Shays had an idea of closing down the courts. What benefit would this provide the farmers?  
A. Could not be jailed  
B. Farms could not be taken  
C. Neither A nor B  
D. Both A & B
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. How was losing your farm/ land a decline in status?  
A. You became a slave  
B. You lost the right to vote  
C. You lost your citizenship  
D. None of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Who ran for state senate of Massachusetts and won?  
A. George Washington  
B. Samuel Adams  
C. Daniel Shays  
D. Henry Knox
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Who was the recognized leader of the farmers in the rebellion?  
A. George Washington  
B. Samuel Adams  
C. Daniel Shays  
D. Henry Knox
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. State governments were almost bankrupt. How did they try to fix the situation?  
A. Higher interest rates  
B. Loans from federal gov't  
C. Heavy taxation  
D. IOU's
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. How many men came out of the woods and marched on the debtor courts?  
A. 1000  
B. 300  
C. 900  
D. 450
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What did Samuel Adams think should happen to those who dared to rebel against the laws of the republic?  
A. Jailed  
B. Lose their land  
C. Lose their citizenship  
D. Put to death

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Passed into law by Samuel Adams, this act said that if more than 12 people got together for any purpose that the government construed as negative, they could be jailed, have their property taken away, and tried for treason.
- A. Militia Act  
B. Riot Act  
C. Writ of Habeas Corpus  
D. Treason Act
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. What advice did George Washington give to end the rebellion?
- A. Hold hearings  
B. Arrest those involved  
C. Redress grievances  
D. All of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Ignoring the advice of Washington, how many cavalrymen did Samuel Adams send into western Massachusetts to hunt down the leaders of the rebellion?
- A. 1000  
B. 300  
C. 900  
D. 450
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Why could the federal government not get involved in the rebellion despite being asked for help by the state?
- A. Limitations of Articles of Confederation meant the federal government could not become involved in state matters  
B. Only the majority vote of the citizens could authorize federal action  
C. Congress would not approve of any state level actions  
D. The state legislature would not approve federal troops entering state territories
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. How many tons of military stores were kept at the federal arsenal?
- A. 1000  
B. 300  
C. 900  
D. 450
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Why did the attack on the arsenal fail?
- A. Plans were intercepted  
B. The militia got reinforcements in before the battle  
C. Cannons killed half of the rebels  
D. Washington convinced Shays to surrender
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Of all the rebels sentenced to death, how many were actually hung? (**Extended answer, so pay attention!!**)
- A. 137  
B. 12  
C. 3  
D. 130
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Who presided over the Constitutional Convention?
- A. George Washington  
B. Samuel Adams  
C. Daniel Shays  
D. Henry Knox
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. What was the first order of business for the Constitutional Convention?
- A. Whether to try Shays for treason  
B. Whether to alter or replace the Articles of Confederation  
C. Writing a Bill of Rights  
D. Writing the Constitution
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Who wanted a stronger federal government?
- A. Federalists  
B. Anti-federalists  
C. George Washington  
D. Samuel Adams
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Who wanted most of the power to reside with the state?
- A. Federalists  
B. Anti-federalists  
C. George Washington  
D. Samuel Adams

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Which state demanded the Constitution have a Bill of Rights?
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| A. South Carolina | C. Vermont       |
| B. Virginia       | D. Massachusetts |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Which of the following happened to Daniel Shays? (**Extended answer, so pay attention!!**)
- A. Pardoned in 1788
  - B. Settled in Vermont
  - C. Received pension when 78 years old
  - D. All of the above