

SKILL: Cause and Effect



SHAYS' REBELLION

In 1786, about 700 debt-ridden farmers led by Daniel Shays took part in a violent uprising in western Massachusetts. They attacked courthouses to stop officials from foreclosing on farms. The farmers rebelled against state taxes that were difficult to pay due to the economic depression. The Massachusetts militia was called to end the mob violence, but many Americans saw Shays' Rebellion as a sign that the Articles of Confederation was not working. Fearing a future crisis, leaders called for a convention to discuss forming a stronger government. This led to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia.

QUESTION

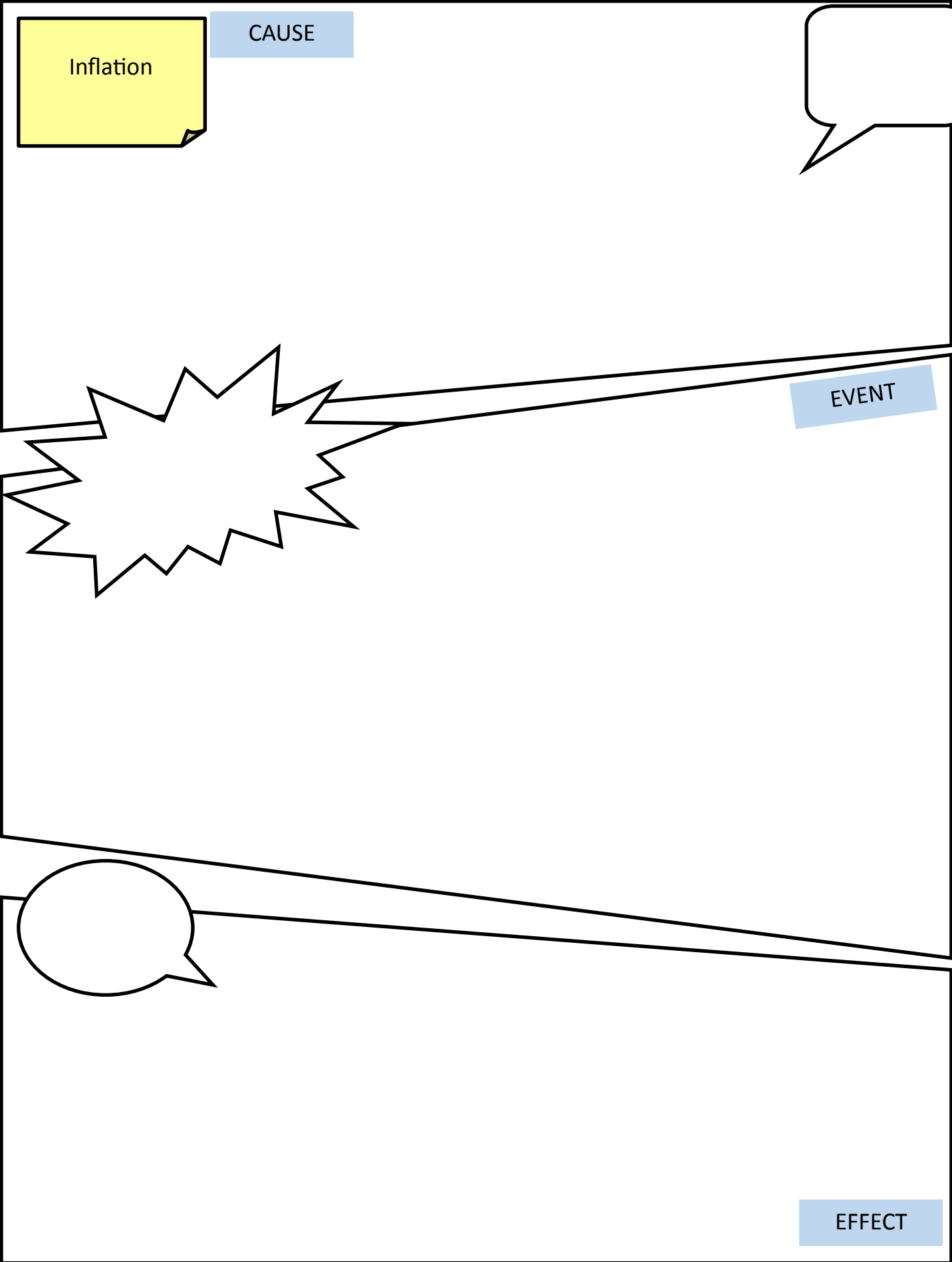
How did Shays' Rebellion highlight the weakness of the Articles of Confederation and the need for a stronger national government?



[Cause] Since...

[Event] Farmers in Massachusetts rebelled by attacking courthouses to stop foreclosures.

[Effect] As a result...



Inflation

CAUSE

EVENT

EFFECT