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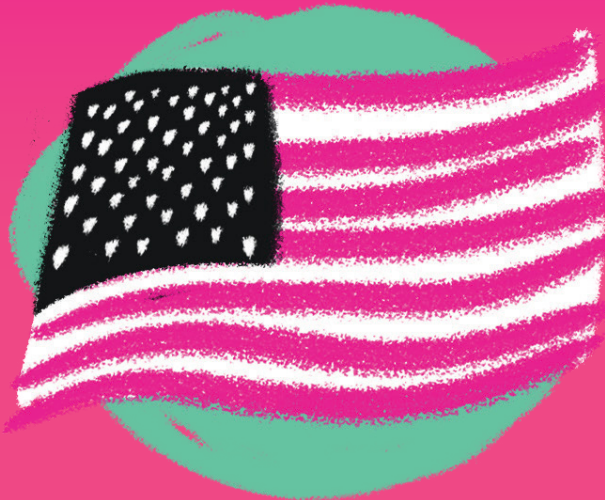


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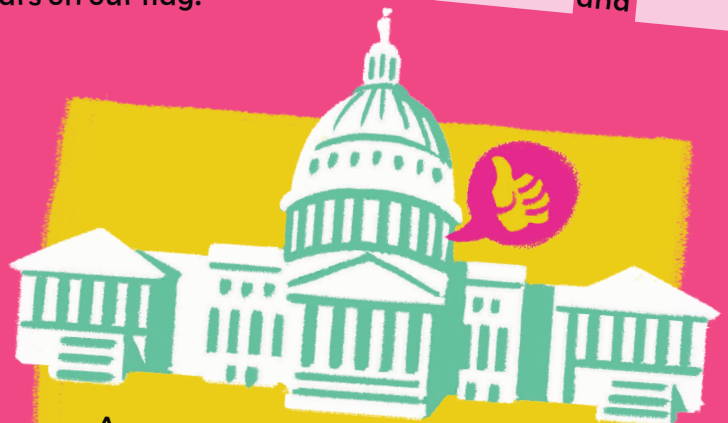


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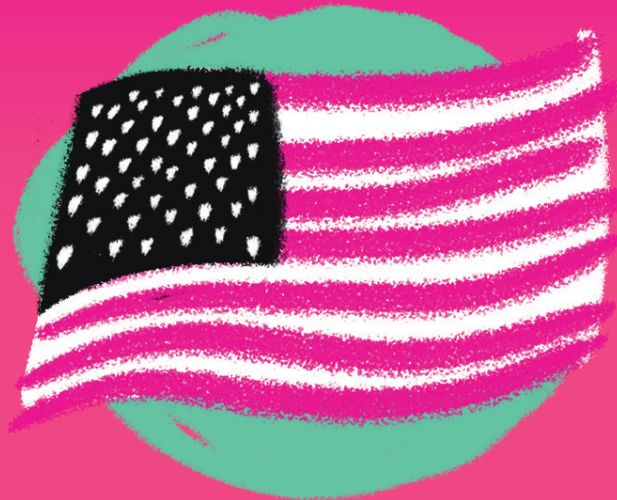
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During the Revolutionary War, the nation adopted the **ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**, in which the states entered into a "league of friendship" and maintained the ability to govern themselves.



The United States currently has **50** states, symbolized by the number of stars on our flag.



The last two states that joined the Union in 1959 were **ALASKA** and **HAWAII**.



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A new state must be **APPROVED BY CONGRESS** to join the Union.

