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The Constitutional Convention

**Directions:** Go to [**http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html**](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html) answers the following questions.

In what city was the Constitutional Convention held? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In what year did this important meeting to draw up a new constitution take place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In what building was this meeting held? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did it take nearly two weeks for the meeting to officially begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many states had to be represented at this meeting for it to officially begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What **three** important issues needed to be answered when creating a new government?

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Click on “**A More Perfect Union”**

Which delegate was unanimously elected to preside over this meeting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did James Madison believe it was important Washington attend the Constitutional Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did Washington almost not attend the Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did Washington doubt about the Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Article of Confederation**

What economic crisis resulted from the states printing too much paper money without it being backed by enough gold or silver? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Washington wrote to Madison, “Wisdom and good examples are necessary at this time to rescue the political machine from the impending storm.” After what crisis did Washington make this quote? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Delegates**

How many delegates were appointed by the state government to attend the Convention? \_\_\_\_

How many delegates attended the Constitutional Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What state refused to send delegates to the Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why did they refuse to send delegates? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did Patrick Henry refuse to attend the Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was his quote expressing his feelings? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did John Adams and Thomas Jefferson not attend the Convention? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Virginia Plan**

Who proposed the Virginia Plan? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What did he propose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**New Jersey Plan**

Who proposed the New Jersey Plan? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What did he propose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Hamilton’s Plan**

What did Hamilton propose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Great Compromise**

Besides representation what was the other major issue? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How was the issue of representation finally solved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**First Draft**

During the review process what new controversy arose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What other issue was tied to this controversy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How was the controversy finally resolved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did George Mason say he “would soon chop off his right hand then put it to the Constitution as it now stands”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Federalist and Antifederalists**

What were the fears of Samuel Bryan and other Antifederalists? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How did Federalists respond to these allegations? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Ratification**

What were the first five states to ratify the Constitution? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How was MA finally convinced to ratify? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bill of Rights**

When was the Bill of Rights finally added? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Click back to the original page and scroll down. Click on Meet America’s Founding Fathers**

How many of the Fifty five ended up signing the Constitution? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Click on biographical overview of all the delegates: The Founding Fathers: A brief overview**

How many of the 55 delegates had served in the Continental Army? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Political Experience**

How many of 55 delegates had served in the Congress under the Articles of Confederation? \_\_\_

Who were the 2 delegates to sign the Declaration and Articles? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Occupations**

How many of the 55 delegates were lawyers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ owned slaves? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Longevity and Family life**

What was the average age of the Founding Fathers at death? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who was the last of the Founding Fathers to die? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Post-Convention Careers**

What two delegates at the Convention went on to be President? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many of the 55 delegates went on to be Senators? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ US Representatives? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Click back once and click on Massachusetts**

Who were the 4 delegates who represented Massachusetts at the Convention?

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Which 1 of the 4 refused to sign the Constitution because there was no Bill of Rights included? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which 1 of the 4 was not able to sign the Constitution because he had to leave the Convention due to illness in the family? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which 1 of the 4 was born in a part of Massachusetts, which is now a separate state? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which 1 of the 4 had his property ravaged by British troops during the American Revolution?

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