

## The Constitutional Convention and the Men Who Were There Webquest

*“It appears to me...little short of a miracle, that the Delegates from so many different States...in their manners, circumstances, and prejudices, should unite in forming a system of national Government.”*  
–George Washington



**You will be conducting a webquest on the Constitutional Convention and the men who participated the debating and signing of the Constitution. The goal in completing the webquest is to fully understand the procedures and processes that took place at the Convention in Philadelphia. You will also find out which delegate you are most like and how that person was influential at the Constitutional Convention.**

- Go to: <http://constitutioncenter.org/foundersquiz/>
- Take the “Which Founder Are You?” quiz.

You are: \_\_\_\_\_

- Go to: <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/>
- Click on the **Interactive Painting Scene of the Constitutional Convention**.
- Find your delegates name on the painting and answer the following questions about him by clicking “**Learn More.**”

1. What state is your delegate from?
2. What type of job did your delegate perform?
3. What is your delegate wearing in the Howard Christy’s painting?
4. What committees was your delegate a part of?
5. From the biographical reading, was your delegate a supporter of the Constitution?  
List a few reasons why he was or was not a supporter of the new form of government for America.

- Go to: <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/>
- Click on **Artistic Interpretation of the Constitutional Convention**
- You will compare and contrast two of the paintings of the Constitutional Convention to Howard Chandler Christy’s painting.



- Go to <http://constitutioncenter.org/timeline/index.html>
- Click on “Broadband Version.”
- On the interactive timeline go to the year “1787” and answer the following questions.

In 1787 delegates call for a Constitutional Convention to occur in Philadelphia. The form of government the new nation had previously adopted was called the Articles of Confederation however the document was flawed.

1. Why did the Articles of Confederation fail the new nation?
2. During the convention debate arose over the amount of representation each state would get in the new government. Describe Roger Sherman’s proposal that is known as “The Great Compromise.”
3. What state was the 1<sup>st</sup> to ratify the Constitution?
4. What state was the 9<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the Constitution in 1788 (allowing the Constitution to be put into place)?
5. Who allowed George Washington to become the 1<sup>st</sup> president of the United States in 1789?
6. Not everyone gave their support to the ratification of the Constitution. Describe why the Anti-Federalists were opposed to the Constitution. What did they want to see added?

- Go to <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/map/>
- Answer the following questions by clicking on the **red dots** on the map of Philadelphia.

1. In what building was the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution signed?
2. This building is located on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Walnut Street and is the location where many delegates met to dine and talk about politics.
3. Why would someone have to go to the Debtor’s Prison?
4. Why is Betsy Ross’s house an important part of American History?

- Go to <http://capwiz.com/constitutioncenter/home/>
- Type in your zip code under “Elected Officials.”
- Answer the following questions

1. List the two Senators for the State of North Carolina and the political party they are affiliated with.
2. List the representative listed for your district in the House of Representatives?