

We the People

Unit 2

We have spent hours compiling these sites, and have tried to be very careful in screening for content just prior to releasing this information to students. However, websites frequently update content, so close supervision of young students is always necessary with this type of research. We have discussed this in class, and do monitor it closely here at school. We highly recommend parental supervision at home, as well. If an updated website should contain inappropriate content, please contact the teacher immediately.

1. What major conflicts required the Framers at the Philadelphia Convention to make compromises?

http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Philadelphia_Convention
Conflicts and compromises of the Philadelphia Convention

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_history.html
Insight on the Constitutional Convention

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/convention1787.html> Philadelphia Convention information

<http://www.apstudynotes.org/us-history/topics/philadelphia-convention/> Philadelphia Convention information

2. Why was it so difficult for the framers to reach agreement about how to resolve conflicts?

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/convention1787.html>
Writing the Constitution

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_history.html
Insight on the Constitutional Convention

3. How did the compromise of later adding a Bill of Rights affect our Constitution?

<http://billofrightsinstitute.org/founding-documents/bill-of-rights/> Information about Bill of Rights

<http://www.thisnation.com/billofrights.html>
Details the significance of the Bill of Rights and links to Supreme Court decisions that protect those rights.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/explaining-bill-rights/>

The Purpose and Importance of the Bill of Rights

4. Do you agree with the Framers decision to keep the proceedings of the Philadelphia Convention secret? Why or why not?

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/static/convention/themes/1.html>

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/history/item/18356-1787-constitutional-convention-why-the-secrecy-rule>

The need for secrecy

<https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

Open Meeting Laws

<https://www.foia.gov/about.html> Freedom of Information Act

5. Was the group that assembled at the Philadelphia Convention a fair representation of the people? Why or why not?

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/marryff.html>

The Delegates

<http://history.house.gov/Exhibition-and-Publications/WIC/Women-in-Congress/>

The story of Women in Congress is defined by change over time

http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/women_senators.htm

History of women in the Senate

http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/minority_senators.htm

History of ethnic diversity in the Senate

<http://history.house.gov/Exhibitions-and-Publications/BAIC/Black-Americans-in-Congress/>

History of Black Americans in Congress

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Current US Senators with links to bios

http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Philadelphia_Convention Convention

Information

6. The Framers decided to do away with the Articles of Confederation and write a new Constitution. Why? What was wrong with the Articles?

https://bensguide.gpo.gov/learning-adventures-14more?id=38&age=ben9_13

Ben's Guide to the Articles

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/15a.asp>

Shays' Rebellion

<http://dzierba.tripod.com/index-49.html> Gives many ideas of what was wrong with the Articles as well as a conspiracy theory or two about why the Framers may have wanted to write a new Constitution!

http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/charters_of_freedom_4.html#

National Archives website has the original document including a scanned image for each of the six pages that were stitched together.

<https://quizlet.com/53059412/8-weaknesses-of-the-articles-of-confederation-flash-cards/>
Quizlet

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-us-government-and-politics/foundations-of-american-democracy/challenges-of-the-articles-of-confederation/a/challenges-of-the-articles-of-confederation-article>

<https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-articles-confederation/>

<https://www.usconstitution.net/constconart.html>