

Making the Constitution

Chapter 9 Lesson 3 pages 147- 150

Before You Read

Look at the photos and visuals in this lesson and answer the following questions:

1. Where did the Founding Fathers meet to write the Constitution?
2. When was the Constitutional Convention?
3. Which city celebrated the Constitution?
4. What papers were published to support the ratification of the Constitution?
5. Who was the last state to ratify the Constitution?

As You Read

1. What did the delegates agree on when they met in Philadelphia?
2. Who prepared the Virginia plan?
3. According to the Virginia plan, how would the number of representatives in the legislature be determined?
4. Which plan did the small states like?
5. What did the Connecticut or Great Compromise decide?
6. How did southern delegates want to count slaves in their states?
7. What compromise did the North and the South agree on?

8. What does ratified mean?
9. Which group supported the Constitution?
10. Why didn't the Anti-Federalists oppose the Constitution?
11. How did the Federalists win over some opponents to supporting the Constitution?
12. Name the three authors of the Federalist Papers.
13. When was the Constitution finally ratified?

The Biography of Benjamin Franklin

1. Look at the dates when Ben Franklin lived and died. How old was Franklin during the Constitutional Convention in 1787?
2. What did Benjamin Franklin do in England, before the Thirteen Colonies became independent?
3. What was Franklin's greatest diplomatic victory?
4. Which Treaty did Franklin help negotiate that ended the Revolutionary War?
5. What role did Franklin play at the Constitutional Convention?