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## The Constitutional Convention

1. How many delegates attended the Philadelphia Convention?

55 men

2. In what ways were the delegates representative of the American people? In what ways were they not representative?

The delegates represented big states and small states, northern states and southern states.

However, there were no women, blacks, poor people, etc.

3. Explain why the delegates decided to keep their talks and debates secret from the public.

They didn't want public pressure or public influence

They wanted the public to be happy with the final constitution

4. What was the original purpose for calling the meeting in Philadelphia in 1787? Why was the purpose changed? And by whose authority was it changed?

The original purpose of the convention was to fix the A. of C.

The A. of C. had too many problems, so they agreed to write a new constitution

5. Explain the influence that each of the following delegates had at the convention:

**George Washington:** president of the convention

**James Madison:** provided the basic plan for the new gov't

**Benjamin Franklin:** kept the peace and encouraged compromises

6. List two important Americans at that time, who were not at the convention in Philadelphia.

Thomas Jefferson  
John Adams

Thomas Paine  
Patrick Henry

7. How many votes did each state have at the Convention and why?

Each state had one vote.

This was to make sure smaller states had an equal voice.

8. If you were forming a group to write a new constitution today, who would you choose for your group and why?



What things would you like to change about our government?

