

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://www.gradesaver.com/ClassicNotes/Titles/federalist/>

Federalist Papers

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://www.answers.com/topic/bill-of-rights-in-u-s-constitution>

Campaign for a 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.

<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2007/12/Securing-Liberty-The-Purpose-and-Importance-of-the-Bill-of-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://www.dsusd.k12.ca.us/users/scottsh/Constitutional%20Convention%20Proceedings%20and%20Compromises%20webweb.htm>

The need for secrecy

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrity/RS20145.pdf>

Secret Sessions of Congress: A brief historical overview

http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/government_ethics/introduction/open-meetings.html

Open Meeting Laws

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

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

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/6-8/documents/articles/>

Ben's Guide to the Articles

<https://socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/shayssrebellion.htm> 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/exhibits/charters/charters_of_freedom_zoom_pages/charters_of_freedom_zoom_4.1.3.html

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

<http://barefootsworld.org/aoc1777.html>

This site explains the Articles of Confederation and its impact upon the growing nation and gives biographies for all of the men who served as president under the Articles of Confederation.

<http://www.ushistoryscene.com/uncategorized/articlesofconfederation/>

This site goes into great detail about the problems and history of the Articles of Confederation and includes several videos/video clips.

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/14b.asp>

This site has a short history and impact of the Articles and includes links along the side to competing drafts of constitutions submitted at the time of the Articles as well as links to biographies of the signers of the Articles.

<http://www.americanhistoryusa.com/northwest-ordinance-1787-effects/>

This site discusses the effects of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787