

Homework #16 – Due Thursday!

PSAT Tomorrow – Be on time! NO cell phones allowed!!!

Aim: Did the Constitution establish a better government than the Articles of Confederation?

Do Now: What was the most important thing that the USA needed to survive the “Critical Period”?

The Constitutional Convention

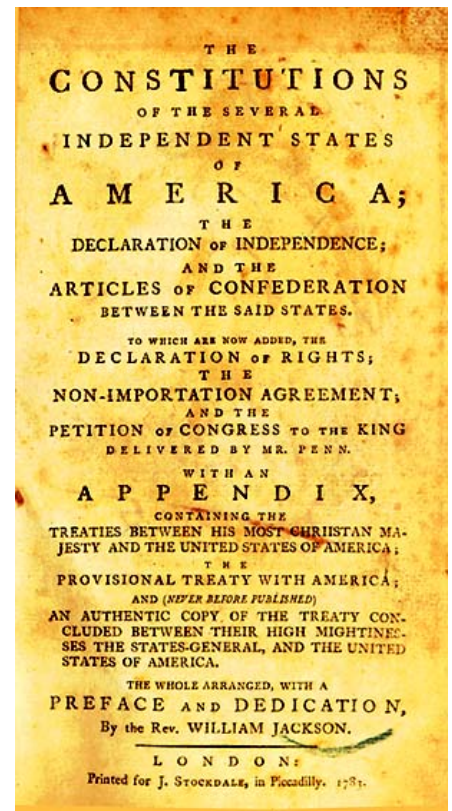
- Met in Philadelphia in May 1787
- Original plan = revise the Articles of Confederation
- By July 1787, 55 delegates were present for 13 states
- Meetings kept secret – *Why?*
- Washington elected president of the Convention, where each state had one vote
- Majority rule was used to make decisions – *why not unanimous rule?*

Washington presides over the Convention



Preamble

- How does this outline the foundation for democratic government?
- What ideas of the Enlightenment are included?
- How is this similar to the Articles of Confederation?



Articles I, II, and III

- What was established by these articles?



- Which Enlightened thinker inspired this concept?
- Is this an improvement on the Articles of Confederation? Why?

Article I – Section 8

- Outlines the powers of Congress
- Which powers were included in the Articles of Confederation? **(O = Old)**
- Which powers are new? **(N = New)**
- Do these powers improve the Congress' ability to govern? How? Explain.

Final Summary

Answer the Aim Question in one paragraph.

Remember that **you must make an argument!**

Decide if the Constitution improved the Articles and explain WHY or WHY NOT!

Use details from today's lesson to explain your answer. Be sure to have a **topic/thesis statement** that answers the question and then SUPPORT your argument.

Be sure to include a **concluding statement** to close out your thoughts.