

The Constitutional Convention of 1787

C.C.P. United States Government Pre-Course Assignment

The following analysis of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 will focus on a scholarly collection of information prepared by Dr. Gordon Lloyd. You will need to use the following website for your research:

<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/resource/the-constitutional-convention-refurbished/>

Each of the following sections has the links for each specific page, but all can be accessed through the main page above. **Upload and type directly onto this document. You will need to print it off and hand it in on the first day of the course.**



Part One: Introduction to the Philadelphia Convention of 1787

Dr. Gordon Lloyd, professor of American History at Pepperdine University in California, is the leading scholar on the Constitutional Convention – also known as the Philadelphia Convention – of 1787. In his introduction he has divided information into eight (8) separate sections.

<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/resource/the-constitutional-convention-refurbished/intro/>

Describe each of these sections listed below in a brief overview:

Wanted: State Governments

Creating the Articles of Confederation

Virginia Calls for the Annapolis Convention

The Initial Delegates

The Endorsement of the Confederation Congress

The Delegates as “Demi-Gods”



Part Two: The Constitutional Convention as a Four Act Play

Gordon Lloyd has divided the Constitutional Convention into a Four-Act play. Describe each of these “Acts” as presented by Lloyd.

<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/resource/the-constitutional-convention-refurbished/four-act-drama-update/>

Act One:

Act Two:

Act Three:

Act Four:



Part Three: Delegates to the Convention

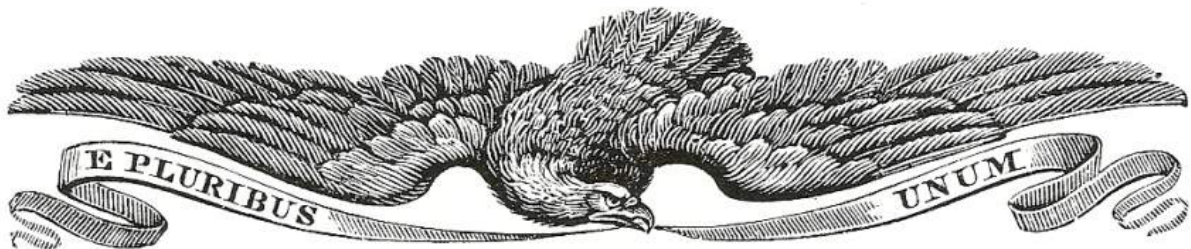
Select one (1) delegate from the list provided on this page:

<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/resource/convention/the-delegates/>

You will need to write up a short biography of the delegate as well as the following:

1. What state did the delegate represent?
2. What Committee(s) did the delegate serve on? (Committee action)
3. How often did the delegate speak at the Philadelphia Convention? (Debate notes of calendar)
4. Did the delegate sign the Constitution on September 17, 1787?

Delegate Selected: _____

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Part Four: Time to celebrate!

The delegates to the Philadelphia Convention created an amazing document and spent months in the heat of the summer debating and arguing over the foundation of American Democracy. At the conclusion of the convention Washington ordered a dinner to be served to celebrate. Using the link here <https://teachingamericanhistory.org/resource/convention/citytavern/> describe the final party that these men held. What was served? Who paid the bill?

