| **FAST FACTS ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION** |
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In this activity, you will learn more about the events of the constitutional convention.

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Review the facts below and then answer the questions to check your understanding of the constitutional conventions.

* The original purpose of the Convention—as per the Confederation Congress—was to revise the Articles of Confederation.
* The Convention took place in the old Pennsylvania State House (now known as [Independence Hall](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Hall)) in [Philadelphia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia), Pennsylvania.
* The Convention met from May 25 to September 17, 1787.
* The Constitution was drafted in secret.
* All of the original 13 states except for Rhode Island sent delegates.
* Fifty-five delegates attended the Convention. Some came and left. Thirty-nine signed the final document.
* All were men.
* Almost all participated in the Revolutionary War.
* Almost all served in state government.
* More than half were lawyers. Most were wealthy landowners.
* Twenty-five delegates held enslaved people.
* Benjamin Franklin was the oldest delegate, 81. Jonathan Dayton was the youngest delegate, 26. The average age was 42.
* Thomas Jefferson was serving as minister to France.
* John Adams was serving as minister to Britain.
* Patrick Henry refused to participate.

FILL IN THE BLANK QUESTIONS

1. The original purpose of the Convention—as per the Confederation Congress—was to revise the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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3. The Convention met from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1787.
4. All of the original 13 states except for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sent delegates.
5. Fifty-five delegates attended the Convention. Some came and left. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ signed the final document.

TRUE OR FALSE QUESTIONS

1. Both men and women participated as delegates. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Many delegates fought in the Revolutionary War. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. No delegates served in the state government. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. More than half of the delegates were lawyers. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Most of the delegates were wealthy landowners. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Twenty-five delegates held enslaved people. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. The average age of the delegates was 29. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MATCHING QUESTIONS

Benjamin Franklin

Patrick Henry

Jonathan Dayton

John Adams

Thomas Jefferson

1. The oldest delegate at 81 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The youngest delegate, 26 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did not attend, as was serving as minister to France \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Did not attend, as he was serving as minister to Britain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Refused to participate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_