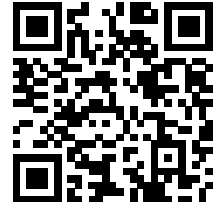


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# The Constitutional Convention



The Constitutional Convention was a crucial event in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States. Held in 1787, it aimed to address the problems of the weak central \_\_\_\_\_ under the Articles of Confederation. Delegates from twelve of the thirteen \_\_\_\_\_ attended the convention in Philadelphia. The main objective was to create a new \_\_\_\_\_ that would establish a stronger federal government. The \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with debates and compromises. One significant outcome was the Great \_\_\_\_\_, which established a bicameral legislature. This compromise resolved \_\_\_\_\_ between large and small states regarding representation. Another important debate was about \_\_\_\_\_. The Three-Fifths Compromise was reached, allowing a portion of the slave \_\_\_\_\_ to count towards representation and taxation. The delegates also discussed the system of checks and \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure no single branch of government could dominate. The new constitution was designed to be a living \_\_\_\_\_, allowing for amendments to adapt to changing times. The Bill of Rights, the first ten \_\_\_\_\_, was added to guarantee individual liberties. Key figures at the convention included George \_\_\_\_\_, who presided over the meetings, and James Madison, known as the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution" for his pivotal role. Benjamin Franklin also played a significant part, offering \_\_\_\_\_ and mediation during heated debates. The convention lasted several months, concluding in \_\_\_\_\_ 1787. The resulting document required ratification by nine states to become effective. The Federalist \_\_\_\_\_, written by Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay, argued in \_\_\_\_\_ of the new constitution. Eventually, the necessary states ratified the constitution, and it became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States government.

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