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The Creation of the Constitution

**Part 1**

Watch the following video for an overview of James Madison and the Creation of the Constitution.

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<http://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/famoushistoricalfigures/jamesmadison/>

**Part 2**

Using search engines type your answers to these questions using complete sentences and with a different color font.

**Do not copy and paste your answers from the internet.**

Write all answers in your own words.

1. What does the word “**Constitution**” mean?
2. What does the word “**Framer**” mean in relation to the Constitution?
3. What is a “**Delegate**”?
4. How many Delegates were at the Constitutional Convention?
5. Where was the Constitutional Convention held?
6. Who was the oldest Delegate? How old was he?
7. Who was the youngest Delegate? How old was he?
8. Who was chosen to be the president of the Constitutional Convention?
9. Who was called the "**Sage of the Constitutional Convention**"?
10. Who was called the "**Father of the Constitution**"?

Explain the following terms using the picture below: 

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| New Jersey Plan |  |
| Virginia Plan |  |
| Great Compromise |  |

**Part 3**

**Reading a Chart**

**The Articles of Confederation and the Constitution**

The chart below lists features of government under the Articles of Confederation and
under the Constitution.

**Directions:** *Look over the chart and answer the 3 questions below.*

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| **Articles of Confederation** | **Constitution** |
| Only a loose agreement among the states;power was in each state. | A formal union; power was centered in thenational government. |
| A one-house Congress, with one vote perstate, no matter what its population. | A two-house Congress; the House ofRepresentatives based on population andthe Senate based on equal representation—two votes per state. |
| Congress had no power to tax. | Congress could tax. |
| Congress could not regulate foreign orinterstate trade. | Congress could regulate foreign andinterstate trade. |
| No executive to enforce laws made byCongress. | An executive branch led by the Presidentcould carry out and enforce national laws. |
| No national system of courts. | A judicial branch, with a supreme court, toreview laws and settle interstate conflicts. |

**1.** How was the change in Congress under the Constitution an improvement?

1. What were two changes in the powers of Congress?
2. **Draw Inferences** Why was it important to have a judicial branch at the national
level?

**Part 4**

**Chapter 7**

**Use your online textbook and Chapter 7 Section 3 to fill out the following chart:**

Many states believed that a bill of rights was essential to protect basic
and to protect against abuses by the .

**•** First Amendment: guarantees freedom of , , and
 .

**•** Second Amendment: deals with the right to .

**•** Third Amendment: bars Congress from .

**•** Fourth Amendment: protects citizens from
or .

**•** Fifth through Eighth Amendments: protect citizens who are
 .

**•** Ninth and Tenth Amendments: limit the powers of the
to those granted in the .

**The Bill of Rights**

**•** Approval needed from states before the Constitution could go into
effect.

**•** Importance of Massachusetts: Antifederalists hoped it would reject the Constitution
because opposition was strong where Shays’ Rebellion had occurred. It was approved
after a major campaign by the Federalists.

**•** Importance of Virginia: Virginia was and . If it rejected the
Constitution, and other states might do so, too.

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| **Federalists**Leaders: 1. John Jay, 2. , 3. Position on the new Constitution: Main argument for position: need for a central government |
| **Antifederalists**Leaders: 1. Patrick Henry, 2. Position on the new Constitution: Arguments for position:1. 2. 3. The President could become like a king by being repeatedly reelected. |
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**The Ratification Debate**

**Federalists Versus Antifederalists**

**Part 5**

**Watch the Constitution video in the following location:**

**My Computer – Video – Crigger – Constitution**