

Chapter 7 – Building a New Republic
The Constitutional Convention
Section 2 – *Part A*
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The Convention Opens

1. On May 25, 1787 the Constitutional Convention opened. Every state sent representatives except which state?
2. What was the mission of the Constitutional Convention?
3. How many delegates gathered?
4. Who was the oldest at 81 years old?
5. Who was so respected he was elected president of the Convention?
6. Who was the best prepared delegate from Virginia?
7. Why was he so prepared?
8. How old were many of the delegates?
9. What did Alexander Hamilton of New York say about the Articles of Confederation?
10. What remedy did he prescribe?
11. Why did the delegates want to keep their talks secret?
12. How did they secure the secrecy?
13. Describe the conditions of the room.

Hopelessly Divided

14. Soon after they began the meeting what did they decide to do rather than revise the Articles of Confederation?
15. On what issue did they disagree?
16. Who proposed the Virginia plan?
17. Describe the form of government the Virginia Plan called for.
18. Describe how the legislative branch was set up.

19. Which size states had more votes in both houses?
20. How was voting under the Virginia Plan different than the Articles of Confederation?
21. Who objected strongly to the Virginia Plan and why?
22. Who presented the New Jersey Plan?
23. Describe the form of government the New Jersey Plan called for.
24. How many votes did each state get under the New Jersey Plan?