

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SCAVENGER HUNT

1 The Constitutional Convention occurred between May and September in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1787. Essentially, the Constitutional Convention was a meeting about the Constitution. This meeting was to determine how the government of the United States should be operated. The current constitution (plan of government) of the United States was called the Articles of Confederation, approved in 1781.

Who wrote the Virginia Plan?

CODE WORD

2 Some people wanted to keep the Articles of Confederation. Others wanted to make changes. Most states wanted to make changes. The Confederation was not working. They were having problems. They decided to write a new constitution.

3 Most states sent a delegate, or a person who represents the interest of others, to represent each state. There were seventy delegates total, but only fifty-five were at the meeting. The only state that did not send a delegate was Rhode Island. The delegates elected George Washington to be the President of the Constitutional Convention.

Many would not sign the Constitution as it did not contain a ____.

CODE WORD

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

THINK TANK

the Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The delegates made changes to the Articles of Confederation. As a result, it became obvious that a completely new constitution was needed.

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

10 This is important because government from before

Name _____

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you

 **WORD** 

Name _____

SUMMARY

 **TOPIC SENTENCE**

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

4 DIGIT CODE

Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above; follow these clues.

Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just one letter.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter

4 DIGIT CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

MAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

10 READING CARDS

1 The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was held between May and September in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1787. Essentially, the Constitutional Convention was a meeting about the new Constitution. This meeting was to decide on the government of the United States that would be operated. The current constitution (the government) of the United States was created by the Articles of Confederation, approved in 1777.

Who wrote the Virginia F

2 Some people wanted to make changes to the Articles of Confederation, but others wanted an entirely new government. Most states understood that the current Confederation was not working.

7 There were many different ideas. Two of them were the Virginia Plan. The new government was to be created after the Virginia Plan. Progress was slow. Some people thought how senators would be chosen by the president, while others thought they should be chosen amongst three electors. The Great Compromise was a compromise of representation: the House of Representatives would be based on the size of the population, while the Senate would have two senators from each state, one elected by the people and one by the legislature.

Another word for national?

8 The Founding Fathers made the larger states and the smaller states happy. The Committee of Detail was chosen or assigned, with drafting the Constitution. The Founding Fathers made sure that all of the issues and concerns were addressed in the document. The Constitution was then shown to the public for comment and ratification (approval). For the Constitution to officially go into effect, 9 of the 13 states had to ratify it. The first state to ratify the Constitution was Delaware on December 7, 1787.

Congress could not regulate trade or ___ (collect) taxes.

3 Most states sent a delegate, or a person to represent the interest of others. Each state sent one delegate. There were seventy delegates total, but only fifty-five were at the meeting. The only state that did not send a delegate was Rhode Island. The delegates elected George Washington to be the President of the Constitutional Convention.

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4 The original plan of the Constitutional Convention was to revise, or make changes to, the current Articles of Confederation. As the meeting went on, it became obvious that the original plan was not working.

The Constitutional Convention was held in 1787 for the purpose of creating a new federal government. It did this by replacing the Articles of Confederation and creating the United States Constitution. It also outlined basic rights and freedoms for the citizens of the United States. It ensured that the government was strong but fair. It helped to create the three branches of government that use a system of checks and balances.

Another issue was that there was not a standard ____ (money).

10 This is important because it kept the government from becoming too powerful. There was a lot of discussion and compromise at the Constitutional Convention that eventually led to the draft of the United States Constitution. 39 of the 55 delegates who attended the convention signed the new document, while those who refused to sign did so because they felt the new plan of government did not contain enough protection for individual rights. The Bill of Rights.

Which was the first state to ratify the Constitution?

5 The Articles of Confederation had major weaknesses. It did not provide a strong federal government. There was not a central government to hold the states together. It also prevented Congress from enforcing certain laws. Congress also had financial problems. It could not regulate trade or levy (collect) taxes. Because of this, the federal government did not have any money. Additionally, there was not a national court system.

In what city was the Constitutional Convention held?

CODE
WORD

Another major issue was that there was not a standard currency (money) between all the states. Overall, the Articles of Confederation were proving to be a failure. The country did not have a strong federal government but desperately needed one. This left the nation weak with no unity for the states. The Constitutional Convention faced many challenges. The states could not agree on anything at first. Everyone wanted the government to be perfect, but the states

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

FOUND
CARD #

[illegible]

FINAL WORD ANSWER

4 DIGIT CODE

Next, using the numbers in the FIVE column in the SAME color in which you recorded them above, follow the clues:

Eliminate the highest number in the FOUN column

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start with August 1st.

Eliminate the numbers that

FINAL CODE
What 4 numbers are in the order you

ANSWER SHEET If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

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FINAL WORD ANSWER:

4 DIGIT CODE Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above; follow these clues.

- Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.
- Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just 3 letters.
- Eliminate numbers that start with the letter S.

FINAL CODE

What 4 numbers remain (in the order you listed them)?

1 STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS

2 STUDENTS WILL RECORD WHERE THEY FOUND THE ANSWER

3 STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD

4 STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

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HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!



1

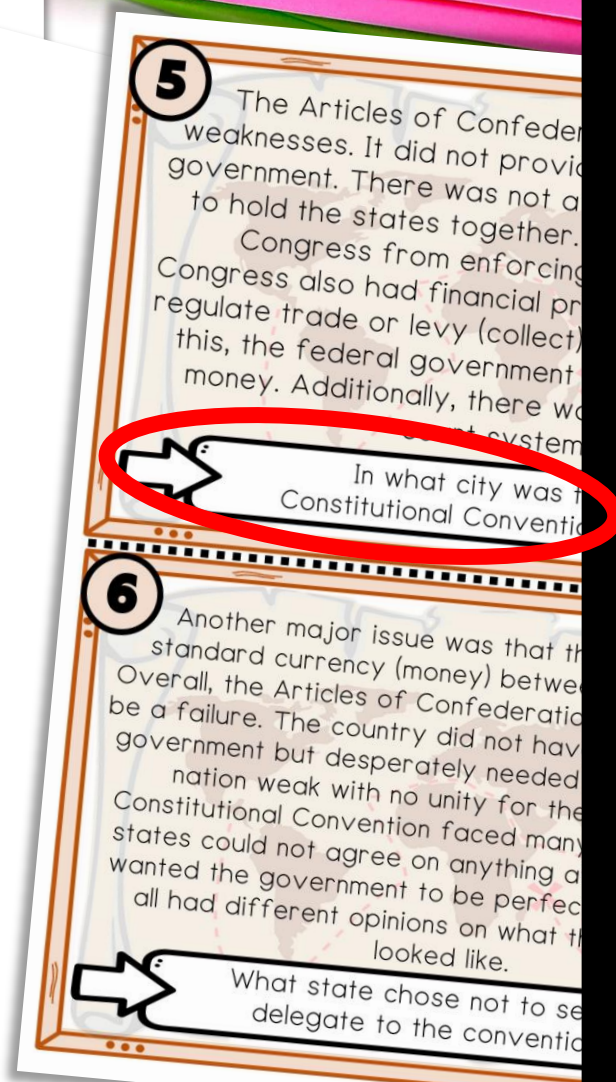
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.

2

Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".

3

The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!



- ANTICIPATORY SETS
- EARLY FINISHERS
- STATIONS
- SUB PLANS
- PARTNER WORK
- ENRICHMENT

- MOVEMENT
- CROSS-CURRICULAR
- HIGHLY ENGAGING

