

Americas 250th Anniversary
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The United States Constitution
Handout # 6



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Annapolis Convention (11 – 14 September 1786 - Annapolis, MD)

The minutes of the Annapolis Convention reflect that only _____
(New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia) were in attendance.

"Resolved, That in the opinion of Congress it is expedient, that on the second Monday of May next (1787) a convention of delegates, who shall have been appointed by the several States, be held at Philadelphia, for the sole and express purpose OF _____ THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, and reporting to Congress and the several legislatures such ALTERATIONS AND PROVISIONS THEREIN, as shall, when agreed to in Congress, and confirmed by the States, _____ the federal Constitution _____ TO THE _____ OF GOVERNMENT AND THE _____ OF THE UNION.

Constitutional Convention (May 25th – September 17th, 1787)

Contemporarily known as the _____ Convention, also Philadelphia Convention, and Grand Convention.

_____ delegates in attendance from _____ states.

_____ elected "President of the Convention"
(presiding officer).

_____ widely acknowledged as best prepared man in any public body, possessing an unmatched depth of historical and political data at his fingertips.

Most complete history of what actually happened behind closed doors comes from James Madison's _____.

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Signed by _____ of the _____ delegates.

Delivered to _____ Congress on September 20, 1787, then meeting in New York City.

Sent to States for _____ called for in Article VII.

Ratification Conventions

☐ Ratified in the following order by the original 13:

- Delaware – Dec 7, 1787
- Pennsylvania – Dec 12, 1787
- New Jersey – Dec 18, 1788
- Georgia – Jan 2, 1788
- Connecticut – Jan 9, 1788
- Massachusetts – Feb 6, 1788
- Maryland – April 28, 1788
- South Carolina – May 23, 1788
- New Hampshire – Jun 21, 1788 (9th state; Art VII ratification fulfilled)
- Virginia – Jun 25, 1788
- New York – Jul 26, 1788
- North Carolina – Nov 21, 1789
- Rhode Island – May 29, 1790 (first rejected in March 1788)

Common theme in the Ratification Conventions is _____,
_____ of powers, and reserved powers in the _____.

*“An _____ people will never suffer what was established for their
_____ to be _____ to an act of _____.”*

- George Nicholas, Richmond Va. June 4th, 1788