

## Constitutional Convention TimeLine

1781 3/1 *Articles of Confederation* becomes effective

1786 9/14 Annapolis Convention calls for Convention of all states

1787 2/21 Confederation Congress calls a Convention in Philadelphia (to revise Articles of Confederation)

1787 4/16 Letter from Madison to Washington outlining the *Virginia Plan*

1787 5/25 Constitutional **Convention begins** in Philadelphia

1787 5/29 Randolph presents the *Virginia Plan*

1787 6/15 Paterson presents the *New Jersey Plan*

1787 6/18 Hamilton presents his plan

1787 7/16 The *Great Compromise* adopted

1787 7/26 Convention appoints *committee of detail*

1787 8/6 Committee of detail presents **first draft** of Constitution to Convention

1787 9/10 Convention assigns draft of Constitution to *committee on arrangement and style*

1787 9/17 **Constitution approved**; Convention **adjourned**

1787 Oct Anti-Federalist and **Federalist Papers** and speeches begin (continue through Jun 1788)

1787 12/7 Delaware is **first state to ratify** Constitution

1787 12/12 Pennsylvania ratifies Constitution

1787 12/18 New Jersey ratifies Constitution

1788 1/2 Georgia ratifies Constitution

1788 1/9 Connecticut ratifies Constitution

1788 2/6 Massachusetts ratifies Constitution

1788 4/26 Maryland ratifies Constitution

1788 5/23 South Carolina ratifies Constitution

1788 6/21 New Hampshire ratifies Constitution

1788 6/25 Virginia ratifies Constitution

1788 6/27 Virginia proposes amendments

1788 7/26 New York ratifies Constitution

1788 8/4 North Carolina rejects ratification

1789 6/8 Madison introduces amendments for Bill of Rights in Congress

1789 11/21 North Carolina ratifies Constitution

1789 **New government forms; Washington elected; Congress meets**

1790 5/29 Rhode Island ratifies Constitution

1791 11/3 The **Bill of Rights** takes effect