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Ch. 7 Creating the Constitution

Sec. 2 The Constitutional Convention

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| Heading | Paragraph Main ideas and Details | Additions and Corrections |
| The Constitutional Convention Begins | * Mysterious Meeting - ***– to fix the old system or create a new one***   + Public wonders   + Philadelphia   + Summer 1787   + nation's great leaders attending |  |
| Aims of the Convention | * Meeting had been called by the Articles government to revise the Articles   + Did not have the authority to form a whole new system   + But many delegates argue - revising would not be enough * Voted to keep their debates secret   + Nailed windows shut despite high heat   + Posted guards   + Why? discussion would go beyond stated goal of convention | Free to speak mind = hiding from public that doing what did not have authority to do |
| The Delegates | * 12 states sent delegates   + 55   + Rhode Island did not send delegates * Who were the delegates   + George Washington, VA     - quickly elected president of convention   + Alexander Hamilton, NY     - only 32   + James Madison, VA     - took extensive notes   + Ben Franklin, PA     - respected leader | ADD Hamilton - Economic Guru  ADD – ***Madison called Father on Constitution*** – Had read 100s of books on government and had already planned many of the details, including the compromises before the convention |