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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
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| 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 GuruADD – ***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 |