

Recreating the Constitutional Convention

PHILADELPHIA~FRIDAY, MAY 25,

Before we begin, answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. List at least TWO Founding Fathers. _____, _____
2. What do you know (or think you know) about the Founding Fathers?

Your Task:

You will take the identity of a Founding Father, and will have at least one "assistant" to help you prepare and debate the proposed constitution. Your grade will be based upon how well you take on this persona and how well you debate the issues as the founding fathers would have done. You will read their actual conversations for ideas, but you need to prepare statements that explain what they would say in 2013 language. (So **DO NOT** just read their conversations to us...that's not the assignment!) You should also argue any other relevant information and should jump into other arguments as you see fit. Mrs. Lombardo will keep order, so you must be recognized by her to speak. As tensions rise, **REMEMBER** your grade may be negatively affected if you **YELL OUT** without being called upon!

Due to the sensitive nature of these discussions, we will hold our Convention in a locked room with all windows shut. Absolutely no word should leak out to the public or press, as it may hinder our advancement towards our goals if we cannot speak freely. (2013 NOTE: Okay, maybe not...but be advised that during the summer in Philadelphia, this was their policy. Temperatures often rose into the high 90s with extremely high humidity...and yes, they were wearing full, formal, 1787 attire...can you imagine? **THESE MEETINGS WERE EVERY DAY UNTIL OCTOBER!**)

Members in Attendance: and assistant(s). (2013 note: there were more members than this, but these debated the most on these issues)

- James Madison, VA: _____
- Elbridge Gerry, MA: _____
- Roger Sherman, CT: _____
- Alexander Hamilton, NY: _____
- William Livingston, NJ: _____
- Benjamin Franklin, PA: _____
- Governour Morris, PA: _____
- George Mason, VA: _____
- Charles Pinckney, SC: _____
- Luther Martin, MD: _____
- James Rutledge, SC: _____
- Oliver Ellsworth, CT: _____