



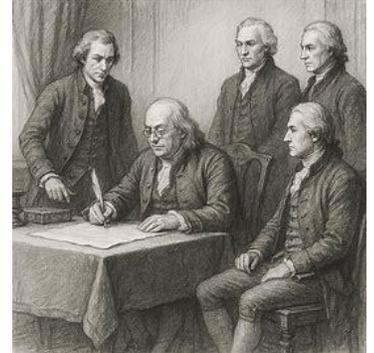
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The United States Constitution

In 1787, leaders from the states met in Philadelphia to write a new plan for the country. This plan became the United States Constitution. It explains how the government works and protects the rights of the people.

The Constitution sets up three branches of government. The legislative branch makes laws, the executive branch carries out the laws, and the judicial branch decides if laws are fair. Each branch has its own job, but they must work together.

The Constitution is called the "supreme law of the land." It is the highest set of rules in the United States. Even today, it guides our country and helps keep people free.



Crafting of the constitution.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a) The Constitution explains how the U.S. government works.
 - b) Leaders met in Philadelphia to talk about food.
 - c) The judicial branch carries out the laws.
 - d) The Constitution is a very short document.

2. Why did leaders write the Constitution?
 - a) To explain how the government works and protect people's rights
 - b) To make new holidays for the country
 - c) To give all jobs to the executive branch
 - d) To replace the Supreme Court

3. Why is the Constitution still important today?
 - a) It tells people when to pay taxes.
 - b) It guides the country and helps keep people free.
 - c) It explains how to write laws in other countries.
 - d) It only helps presidents.