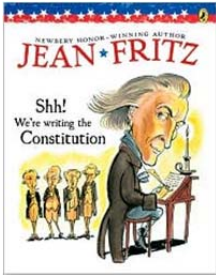



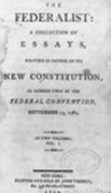




Shh! We're writing the Constitution

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|  | <p>TITLE OF BOOK: Shh! We're writing the Constitution</p> <p>AUTHOR: Jean Fritz</p> <p>GRADE LEVEL: 3-8</p> <p>TOPIC/THEME: It's the summer of 1787, and it's hot! Fifty-five delegates from thirteen states have huddled together in the strictest secrecy in the Philadelphia State House to write the Constitution of the United States.</p> |
| <p>Primary Source Thumbnail</p> | <p>Library of Congress Bibliographical Information and Connections to Literature</p> |
|  | <p>TITLE: A N.W. view of the state house in Philadelphia taken 1778 / C.W. Peale delin. ; J.T. sculp.</p> <p>CREATED/PUBLISHED: [1787]</p> <p>CREATOR: Trenchard, James, b. 1747, engraver. Peale, Charles Willson, 1741-1827, artist.</p> <p>URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004671521/</p> <p>CONNECTION: This is a picture of the building that the fifty-five delegates met in to write the constitution and it was taken in the same year that the constitution was written.</p> |
|  | <p>Title: Thomas Jefferson, 1788, Chart of State Votes on the United States Constitution</p> <p>URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mtj1&fileName=mtj1page010.db&recNum=678</p> <p>CONNECTION: This is a chart, recording the states votes on the constitution. This shows actual writing from Thomas Jefferson from the creation of the constitution.</p> |
|  | <p>TITLE: Front page of The Boston Gazette, Nov. 26, 1787 containing letter to the editor from "A Federalist" concerning constitutional convention.</p> <p>CREATED/PUBLISHED: 1787</p> <p>URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004679481/</p> <p>CONNECTION: This is a newspaper article discussing one person's concerns about the constitutional convention. The newspaper was published in the same time as the convention was going on. This brings in an idea of some of the people at the time.</p> |
|  | <p>TITLE: Title page of the Federalists Papers</p> <p>CREATED/PUBLISHED: 1787</p> <p>URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003654698/</p> <p>CONNECTION: These essays were a result of the development of the constitution. They were written to urge people of the time to ratify the new United States constitution.</p> |



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| | <p>TITLE: Constitution CREATED PUBLISHED: Providence : Printed by John Carter, [1787] URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/bdsbib:@field(NUMBER+@od1(bdsdcc+c0801)) CONNECTION: This is the end result of what the literary piece is all about. It is one of the first printed copies of the constitution.</p> |
| | <p>TITLE: The foundation of American government / Hy. Hintermeister. CREATOR(S): Hintermeister, Henry, b. 1897, artist DATE CREATED/PUBLISHED: [Newark, New Jersey : Osborn Co.], c1925. URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/93504023/ CONNECTION: This photo depicts the signing of the constitution by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and others in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It depicts a scene that could have occurred during this momentous occasion in the United States history.</p> |
| | <p>TITLE: A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774 - 1875 Farrand's Records, Volume 1 PAGE 5 URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llfr&fileName=001/llfr001.db&recNum=32&itemLink=r?ammem/hlaw:@field(DOCID+@lit(fr0012))%230010003&linkText=1 CONNECTION: This is a list of attendance at the convention, on the date of May 25, 1787. This was one of the first days that there were enough delegates to proceed with the convention.</p> |
| | <p>TITLE: Alexander Hamilton's notes for a speech proposing a plan of government at the Federal Convention, [18 June 1787]. (Alexander Hamilton Papers) URL: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field(DOCID+@lit(mcc/018)) CONNECTION: Alexander Hamilton gave this speech delivered on 18 June 1787 at the Constitutional Convention assembled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. An early and vocal critic of the Articles of Confederation, Hamilton was firmly aligned with the nationalist faction at the convention. Some historians believe that Hamilton's 18 June speech was his most important public document because it outlined his philosophy of government.</p> |
| | <p>TITLE: James Madison, May 7, 1787. Vices of the Political System of the U. States. URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mjm&fileName=02/mjm02.db&recNum=1004 CONNECTION: This source is an original writing of James Madison. In it he explains some problems that he sees in the political system of the United States at that time. This was before the constitution was written.</p> |
| | <p>TITLE: Articles of confederation and perpetual union between the states URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=rbpc&fileName=rbpc17/rbpc178/17802600/rbpc17802600.db&recNum=0 CONNECTION: This is a printed version of the Articles of Confederation. The Articles created a loose confederation of sovereign states and a weak central government, leaving most of the power with the state governments. The need for a stronger Federal government soon became apparent and eventually led to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. The present United States Constitution replaced the Articles of Confederation on March 4, 1789.</p> |