

U.S. History

The Constitution



1 Fill in the gaps with the words from the box:

balances	branches	federal	government
laws	power	rights	signed

The Constitution of the United States established America's national _____ and fundamental _____, and guaranteed certain basic _____ for its citizens.

It was _____ on September 17, 1787, by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. At the convention, delegates devised a plan for a stronger _____ government with three _____—executive, legislative and judicial—along with a system of checks and _____ to ensure no single branch would have too much _____.

2 Fill in the gaps with ONE suitable word:

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

"We the People of the United States, _____ Order to form a _____ perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide _____ the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty _____ ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish _____ Constitution for the United States of America."

3 Fill in the gaps with the suitable forms of the word in brackets:

Forming a More Perfect Union

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania State House, now known as _____ (independent) Hall, where the _____ (declare) of Independence had been _____ (adopt) 11 years earlier. There were 55 delegates in _____ (attend), representing all 13 states except Rhode Island, which refused to send _____ (represent) because it did not want a _____ (power) central government _____ (interfere) in its economic business. George Washington, who'd become a _____ (nation) hero after leading the Continental Army to victory during the American Revolution, was selected as president of the convention by unanimous vote.



