

Questions for “A More Perfect Union” lesson one:

- 1.The US Constitution was written in what year?
- 2.Who was the country’s first president?
- 3.Who was the driving force behind the development of the US Constitution?
- 4.Who sent James Madison books about government?
- 5.Where was John Adams during the Constitutional Convention?
- 6.Why did the British insist on keeping forts in American Territories?
- 7.Why did the British refuse to agree to the US request for “fair trade”?
- 8.Describe the importance of George Washington attending the Constitution Convention?
- 9.How was George Washington welcomed to Philadelphia?

Questions for “A More Perfect Union” lesson two:

- 10.How did James Madison prepare for the Constitutional Convention?
- 11.Who was chosen to introduce Madison’s plan at the convention?
- 12.Madison’s plan became known as the _____ plan.
- 13.Why did Madison believe the Articles of Confederation should be abolished?
- 14.What did James Madison use to help explain his new plan for America’s government?
- 15.Which state had the largest population at the time of the Constitutional Convention?
- 16.What job did George Washington have at the convention?
- 17.How did people applaud in the 1700’s?
- 18.Most delegates to the convention were given orders to _____ the Articles of Confederation.

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- 19.Madison and his colleagues felt that it was the _____ not the _____ that should be represented in Congress.
- 20.Washington, Franklin, and others knew that only _____ would keep the Convention from breaking apart.
- 21.Why were the smaller states (in population) upset with the Virginia Plan?
- 22.What was the southern states main argument about continuing slavery?

23. What did Colonel Mason from Virginia say about slavery? How was he challenged?
24. What was the compromise about slave importation?
25. According to Judge Wilson (while playing golf) who should be the servants in government?
26. What was the issue that divided the delegates?

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27. Without a number of _____ the convention would have split apart.
28. Why did Alexander Hamilton leave?
29. Why was the Georgia delegation split?
30. What connection did Abraham Baldwin have with Connecticut?
31. What was the vote for one representative from each state in the Senate?
32. Franklin explained to Madison, “*We are at a dead stop Mr. Madison it’s time to _____, Sir.*”
33. Who headed the “Grand Committee” and what did it do?
34. What was the one change of the “Grand Committees” proposal?
35. Did the compromise report of the “Grand Committee” pass?

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36. Which state never showed up?
37. Why was Madison found of the preamble of the Constitution?
38. Why did Colonel Mason declare “exception?”
39. In Independence Hall on September 15, 1787 the Constitution was _____ approved.
40. The Constitution of the United States is the nations “_____.”
41. Why did John Adams tell Lord Crowmarthan in England that, “*America takes its place as an equal in the family of nations?*”
42. Why did the Constitution have to be ratified in state conventions?
43. Who was the first president of the United States?
44. What do you think was the most important event at Constitutional Convention of 1787? Defend your answer.