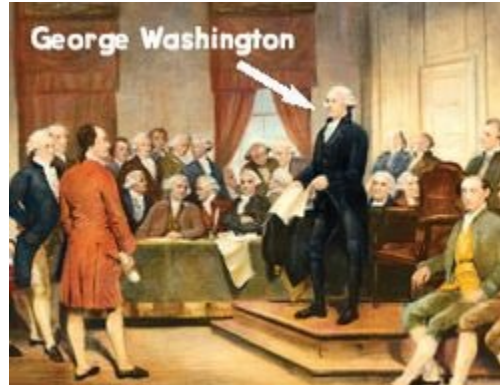


# The Making of the United States Constitution

## Law of the Land

Read the article to learn about the United States **Constitution**. That is a written plan that tells the **laws** of the United States. A law is a rule. The United States Constitution was written more than 200 years ago.

1. Long ago, the United States had many different laws. People in the United States wanted to have one set of laws. At the time, the United States was a new country. It was made up of only 13 states.
2. A group of leaders talked about the laws. They planned to write one set of laws. They wanted to make the country better. George Washington was one of those leaders.



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3. The leaders met in Independence Hall. That is a building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They wrote the laws by hand.



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4. The leaders signed the new set of laws for people in the United States to follow. The laws became known as the United States Constitution. The United States Constitution starts with the words "We the People."



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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1.** What is the United States Constitution?

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**2.** Describe what happened after people in the United States decided that they wanted one set of laws.

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**3.** According to the article, what was the last step before the list of laws became the United States Constitution?

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**4.** What is this passage mostly about?

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5. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

A group of leaders in the United States planned to write one set of laws, \_\_\_\_\_ the country would be better.

- A. because
- B. so
- C. but

6. Which picture is of the United States Constitution?

