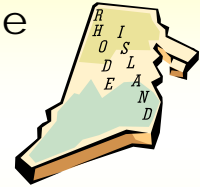




A total of 12 states sent delegates to the convention



Rhode Island is the only state that refused to send any delegates

Delegates had to make a choice:

1) Fix the Articles of Confederation



2) Write a new form of government

The delegates decided to write a new plan of government

Challenge was to create a strong national government but one that would not overpowering

The Constitutional Convention was held in the summer of 1787 in the city of PHILADELPHIA.



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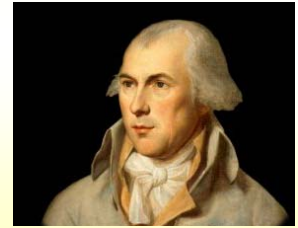
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There were 55 delegates  
at the Constitutional  
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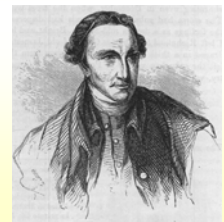
JAMES MADISON read  
more than 100 books in  
preparation for the  
convention.



THOMAS JEFFERSON and  
JOHN ADAMS were not at  
the convention because  
they were overseas at the  
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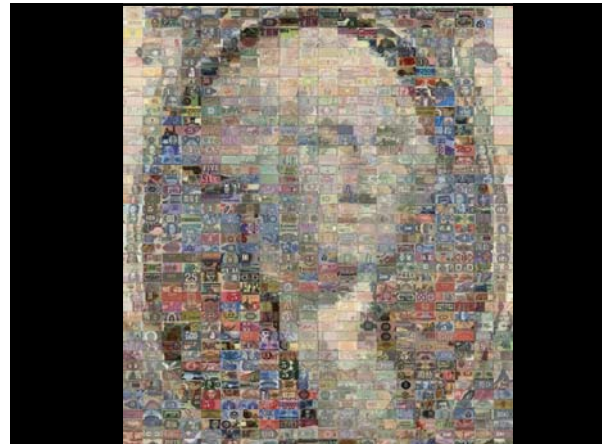


PATRICK HENRY refused  
to attend the convention  
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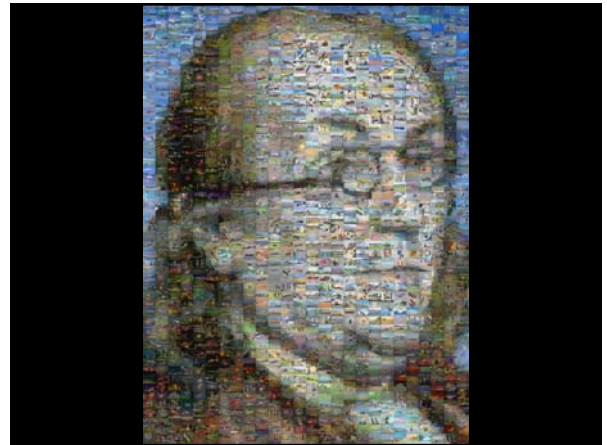
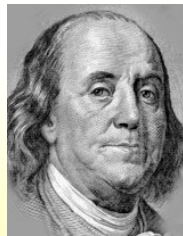


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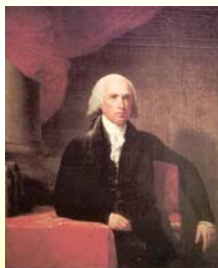
came out of  
retirement  
for the  
convention.



BEN FRANKLIN was a  
famous scientist and  
statesman, gave wit and  
wisdom to the  
convention.



JAMES MADISON  
is known as the  
"Father of the  
Constitution"  
and took  
detailed notes.



GEORGE  
WASHINGTON

was chosen  
as president  
of the  
convention.

