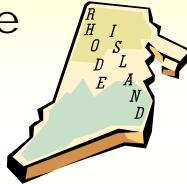




A total of 12 states sent delegates to the convention



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.



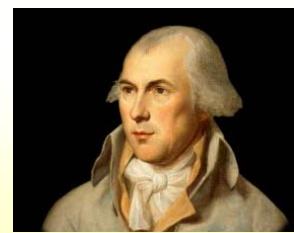
CONSTITUTION HALL - PHILADELPHIA



There were 55 delegates at the Constitutional Convention.



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 time.

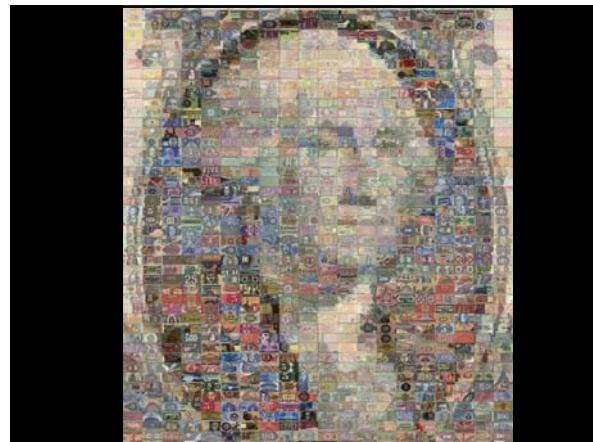


PATRICK HENRY refused to attend the convention because he "smelled a rat" leading toward monarchy.

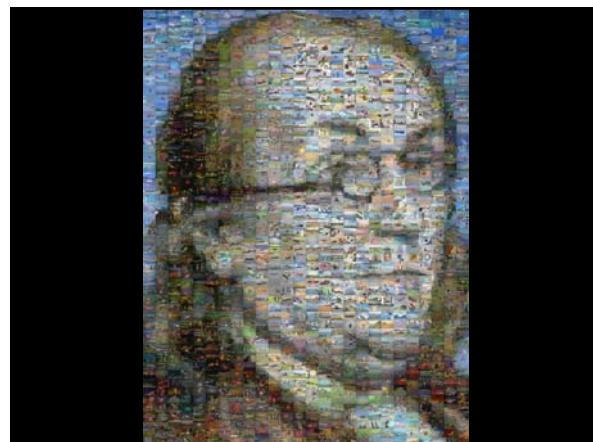
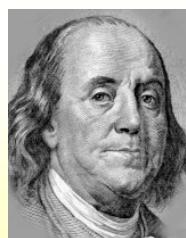


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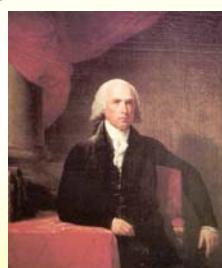
came out of
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BEN FRANKLIN was a
famous scientist and
statesman, gave wit and
wisdom to the
convention.



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



**GEORGE
WASHINGTON**
was chosen
as president
of the
convention.

