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.
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.
GEORGE WASHINGTON 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.