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CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY
Writing for Punctuation

Hey, What's That You're Writing?

Add missing punctuation using the marks shown. Some of the sentences do not need additional punctuation.



EDITING MARKS

- ⌢ Insert a comma.
- ’ Insert an apostrophe.
- ⋮ Insert a period.
- ⋇ Insert a question mark.

1. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day **marks** the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787.
2. The Constitution **was** written by 55 men at a **convention** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
3. George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin **F**ranklin were part of the **group**.
4. The task of planning the government for a brand-new **country** wasn't easy.
5. Which **ideas** would work best? How many people or states should **agree** on each idea?
6. How **there** were so many different ideas to consider.
7. **L**arge states wanted to have more **power** than small **states**, but small states needed to have their say.
8. **F**inally, the men came up with a plan they thought **would** work.
9. Their **plan** spread the government's power between three branches.
10. It allowed the **new** government to make one kind of money **for** all the states.
11. In **case** the Constitution needed to be improved, the men decided it could be **changed** later by adding amendments.
12. All the men's work at the convention **paid** off.
13. How do we know that's true?
14. The Constitution has remained in place to guide the country for over 200 years.
15. It's one of the oldest documents of its kind in the world.

Bonus: Do you think states with larger populations should have more power than states with smaller populations? Explain. Include three or more reasons that support your opinion.

What are the writers of the Constitution sometimes called?

To find out, write in order the bold letters from the sentences that did not need punctuation.