

Constitutional Clues

Read each statement about the Constitution of the United States. Then circle the correct meaning for each underlined word.



1. When America became its own country, there were many problems to address.
E. a place where someone can be contacted
A. focus on
2. Each state had its own paper money.
D. an organized group that's part of a nation
E. express or say something
3. People from different states argued over trade and taxes.
E. buying and selling
H. job or profession
4. In 1786, men from five states met with the aim of solving these problems.
D. to point toward a target
I. goal
5. The men knew they needed people from more than five states if they wanted to draft the best plan.
J. create
G. a drawing or outline
6. They decided there should be three branches of government.
C. legs
D. parts
7. They were able to agree a plan with checks and balances among the three branches.
M. compose or develop
H. a type or variety
8. The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. Each state needed to adopt the plan.
E. accept or approve
Y. take a child of other parents into your family
9. Finally, the delegates were able to draft a new document known as our Constitution.
E. a current of air
G. to write a rough copy
10. The date of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is September 17 every year.
H. time when something happened
E. a sweet fruit

Who is known as the "Father of the Constitution" and also became the fourth president of the United States?

To find out, write each circled letter from above on its matching numbered line below.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

Bonus Box: Think about the problems the 13 states faced before the Constitution was written. Tell how the United States might be different today if the Constitution had not been written.