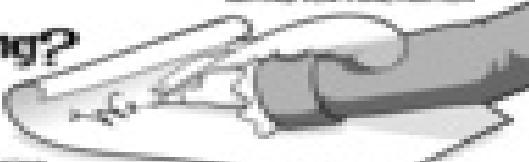


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CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY

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Hey, What's That You're Writing?

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

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 Franklin **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. **Hope** there were so many different ideas to consider.
7. Large states wanted to have more power than small states but small states needed to have their say.
8. Finally, 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 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.

EDITING MARKS

- Insert a comma.
- Insert an apostrophe.
- Insert a period.
- Insert a question mark.

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