

The Road to the Constitution

Directions: Answer the questions to the reading. Read pp. 71-73

1. What had to happen to the government in 1787?
It was weak and could not enforce law.
2. Where did the delegates meet?
Philadelphia at Independence Hall
3. Why didn't Rhode Island send delegates to the Convention?
It opposed a stronger central government.
4. How many delegates showed up to the Convention? How many of those delegates signed the Declaration of Independence?
55 men showed up and 41 signed the declaration of independence
5. What were the occupations of the delegates that were at the Convention?
Lawyers, college presidents, merchants, governors, planters, physicians.
6. Why weren't there Native Americans or African Americans represented?
They were not part of the political process
7. How old was Ben Franklin at the Convention?
81
8. Which two delegates went on to become presidents?
George Washington and James Madison
9. What three smaller American states were not at the convention? Why weren't they there?
Rhode Island, Delaware, and New Jersey were representatives of the old governments in their own words.
10. Why was Madison at the convention?
George Washington
11. What were the goals of the convention?
 - a. To create a stronger union
 - b. To create a stronger union if states needed
 - c. Keep the constitution in place
 - d. To create a model of the constitution
12. Why were so many delegates at the convention?
People might not accept the government.
13. What were some of the details of the constitution that it
included
14. What did the delegates realize when they started to the details of
Confederation?
Details of the details and with a new constitution
15. What did the delegates not do to do?
To strengthen the national government.