

Articles of Confederation:

May 25, 1787: Delegates from every state except Rhode Island met to revise the Articles of Confederation.

-George Washington, who had led the Revolutionary Army, was appointed as head of the Convention.

-Meetings were closed to the public, and delegates were sworn to secrecy.

The delegates decided they needed to throw out the Articles of Confederation and create a new plan, so this meeting became known as the Constitutional Convention.

2 Plans

The Constitutional Convention is mostly remembered for two different plans for government.

1.) THE VIRGINIA PLAN

- 3 branches of government
 - legislative (lawmakers)
 - executive (carry out the laws)
 - judicial (interpret and apply the laws)
- Legislature divided into two houses (representation is based based on population)
- Big states liked this plan (Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia)