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# The Constitution of the United States



**Directions:** The U.S. Constitution was approved by the Constitutional Congress and sent to the states for ratification in September 1787. What do you know about the Constitution? Explore the Web site provided. Then write the missing word or words in the blanks below.

**Web Resources:** The Constitution of the United States  
<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/6-8/documents/constitution/background.html>

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was the president of the Constitutional Convention.
2. Delegates from \_\_\_\_\_ states attended the Convention.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was written to replace the Articles of Confederation.
4. Under the \_\_\_\_\_ each state remained independent.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ united the states as one nation.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_, passed four years after the Constitutional Convention, ensures individual rights.

If you want to know more about the Constitution, read the Bill of Rights at <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/funddocs/billeng.htm>. Then write about whether you think the Bill of Rights is a necessary part of the U.S. Constitution.