# Planning the American Government

**Chapter 2, Theme B** 

#### Pop Quiz 2

- In what state did Shay's Rebellion occur?
- What state sent no delegates to the Constitutional Convention?
- 3. What delegate kept a secret notebook of the proceedings & helped frame the VA Plan?
- 4. What state's plan was supported by the small states to revise the AOC?
- 5. On what <u>date</u> was the Constitution approved by a majority of delegates from the 12 states in attendance?
- 6. Who was the oldest delegate present?

#### Shays' Rebellion

 Watch the video. As you watch, note parallels to the American Revolution. Jot down at least 3 that you see.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ImIEcsTEVo

Watch the video. As you watch, note how the weaknesses of the AOC made Shay's Rebellion even more dangerous. How does this rebellion lead to change?

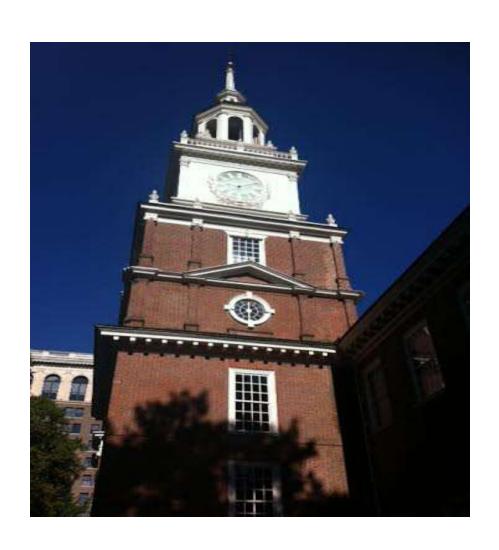
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEoeK5MvEdY Start at 30:00

Who leads the call for constitutional revision?

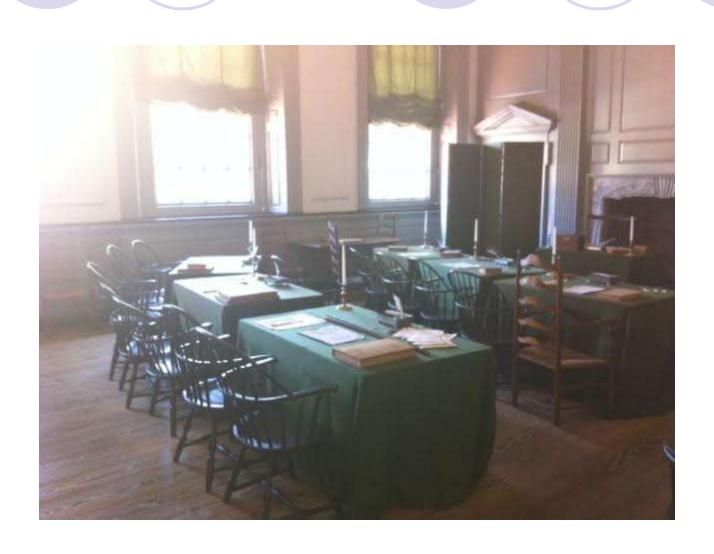
#### Winds of Change

- Why was the Constitutional Convention doomed at the onset?
- Why was the Constitutional Convention viewed as "extralegal" by the critics?
- Who attended? Who was absent?
- What "delicate problem" faced the Framers?

## "Independence Hall" aka PA State House



#### The heat of the day was oppresive!



#### George Washington presided



## Is the sun rising or setting on the nation?



#### Men, Manners & Rules

- Discuss men with examples. Most significant members?
- Discuss manners with examples. How have the manners changed? How do they remain the same?
- Discuss rules with examples. What is the purpose or function of the rule? Does the rule succeed in its mission?

- Conflict: Structure of the Legislature?
  - Virginia Plan: JM major author
    - Strong, 3-branch Government
    - Bicameral legis. w/ 1 house chosen by population
    - Council of Revision
    - Exec. & Jud. Br. chosen by legislature

- Conflict: Structure of the Legislature?
  - New Jersey Plan
    - Formed over small states' fears
    - Sought to amend AOC than replace
    - Weak Fed. Gov't creature of state gov'ts—State sovereignty maintained
    - Enhanced small states' interest and strengthened power of national gov't

- The Great (or CT) Compromise
  - Bicameral Legis. Created to please both factions
  - OHouse by population (lg. states) with power over taxation. Directly elected.
  - Senate equal representation (sm. states) with power over executive and judicial branches. Elected by st. legis.

- Other Conflicts & Compromises
  - Slaves' Representation Problem
    - Factions?
    - Compromise?
  - Slave Trade Future
    - Factions?
    - Compromise?
  - Control of Commerce Issues
    - Factions?
    - Compromise?
  - Electoral College Creation

## Assignment

- Do the assignments in this order! Read pp. 32-37 in the textbook, read that first to help you understand the assignment.
- Read A21-A29, & handout. Answer questions for each piece.
- Due Tuesday.

## The Federalist #10

- Why does Madison think the problem of a "Minority" faction is easy to handle?
- Conversely, why is he so troubled by the potential of a majority faction?
- How does he distinguish direct democracy from a republican gov't?
- What is he getting at when he terms elected representatives "proper guardians of the public weal"?
- Why does he think that "extensive republics" are more likely to produce such representatives than small ones?

#### The Federalist #51

- How did Madison think the necessary separation of powers among the 3 branches should be achieved?
- What did he consider to be the greatest difficulty in creating a government? What solution did he suggest?
- What 2 reasons did Madison give to argue the judiciary should be selected differently from the other 2 branches?
- How are Madison's concerns about the "equal power of self-defense" reflected in our system of checks & balances?
- Is Madison a good source of information about the document? Why or why not?

#### Patrick Henry's Speech

- Why was Henry's objection to the use of the words, We the People?
- In what way did Henry think the convention had overstepped its authority?
- What did Henry see as the chief danger of the proposed Constitution?
- What did Henry mean when he said states are the "soul of the Confederation?"
- Do you agree that it would be easy for a President to make himself an absolute ruler? Explain your answer.