

# The Road to the Constitution



**MAIN IDEA:** After years of living under the Articles of Confederation, many Americans became convinced they needed a stronger central government. The most important leaders in America called a meeting to find ways to improve the failing government. This meeting would become known as the Constitutional Convention.

- 1. Where was the meeting held?*
- 2. When did the meeting begin? How long did the meeting last?*
- 3. What was the original purpose of the meeting?*
- 4. How many delegates attended the meeting?*
- 5. Who was chosen to preside over the meeting?*
- 6. Who were some of the delegates at the meeting?*
- 7. Who was the oldest delegate?*
- 8. Who were three notable leaders who were not at the meeting?*
- 9. What state did not attend the meeting and why?*

10. *What two qualities made the delegates well suited for writing the Constitution?*
11. *Why is so little known about the details of the Constitutional Convention?*
12. *Who kept a record of what happened at the Convention?*
13. *How many votes were needed to decide any issue at the meeting?*
14. *What decision was made about the Articles of Confederation?*

