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The Constitutional

Convention

May-Sept. 1787

Philadelphia

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The Meeting Place



The Roster

- 55 Delegates from 12 colonies
- Jefferson called them “demigods”
- Conservative, wealthy class
- Lawyers, merchants, land speculators
- 19 owned slaves
- Relatively Young, average age 42

The Roster



Big Names

- George Washington-elected chairman
- Benjamin Franklin-elder statesman
- James Madison-took copious notes “father of the constitution”
- Alexander Hamilton-wanted powerful central government