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Facts to Know Constitution

After the Revolutionary War, the thirteen colonies became free of England and became the first thirteen states. But they could not agree on many things and were not united.

In 1787, James Madison came up with a plan and invited men from every state to come to Philadelphia and discuss their ideas. They debated for four long, hot months until they finally wrote and signed the Constitution of the United States.

Because James Madison worked so hard on the Constitution and so many of his ideas are in it, he is known as "The Father of the Constitution."

The first sentence of the Constitution, which tells that we all take part in our government, begins with the famous words *We the People...*

The Constitution states the most basic rules and laws of our country, and we still follow it today. It is the highest law of the land.

Vocabulary

Consent-to agree

Government- the control and organization of a country

Preamble- the opening or first section of a document

U.S. Constitution- the highest law of the United States

