

Albany Plan of Union	an attempt to unify the colonies - called for a joint defense of the colonies from common dangers (Native Americans) THIS PLAN WAS REJECTED!
Ben Franklin	delegate from Pennsylvania - the oldest delegate; his wit and wisdom was a calming influence at the Constitutional Convention
bicameral	two-house legislature
Bill of Rights	a list of essential freedoms guaranteed to citizens
confederation	a loose union of independent states
Constitution	written plan of government
convention	meeting of delegates
federalism	a form of government in which the states keep certain powers but give final authority to a central/national/federal government
George Washington	delegate from Virginia who was unanimously elected to be in charge of the Constitutional Convention
Gouverneur Morris	delegate from Pennsylvania who had a wooden leg. He wrote most of the words of the Constitution; he expressed his thoughts clearly and directly

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James Madison

delegate from Virginia; given the nickname "Father of the Constitution" because he attended every session of the Convention and took detailed notes about what was discussed

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ordinance

a government regulation

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Patrick Henry

delegate from Virginia - argued against the Constitution; he feared that it gave the federal government too much power. He wanted a Bill of Rights.

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ratify

to approve

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survey

measure

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unicameral

one-house legislature

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