

Lesson 15: What Conflicting Opinions Did the Framers Have about the Completed Constitution?

...every member of the convention should sign. A few characters of consequence, by opposing or even refusing to sign the Constitution, might do infinite mischief...

- Alexander _____

What did the Framers think when the Philadelphia Convention ended?

- The Constitution as been described as a “bundle of _____”
 1. Compromise means everyone gets _____ than what they want.
 2. There were enough compromises that every delegate could find something he did _____ like.

Benjamin Franklin defended the completed Constitution:

1. The older he grew the more he doubted his own _____
2. Thought a general government necessary for the U.S.
3. Doubted whether any other Convention could produce a better _____.
4. When you assembly a number of men to have the advantage of their joint _____, you also assembly their _____, _____, errors of _____, local interest, and selfish views.
5. From such an assembly can a _____ production be expected?
6. Consented to the Constitution because he expected no better, and because he was not sure, that it was not the _____.
7. Dr. Franklin wished that every member of the Convention would doubt their own _____ and sign the Constitution to unite their efforts.

George Mason objected to the Constitution:

1. No Bill of _____!
2. The _____, having such great powers is not elected by the people directly.
3. The national courts have too much power and could destroy the _____ courts giving advantage to the rich.
4. The Constitution does not provide for a _____ to serve as advisors to the president.
5. President has unlimited _____ power...could prevent the discovery of his own guilt.
6. President & Senate have exclusive _____ power and are not elected by the people.
7. Only _____ vote in Congress on commercial and navigation laws. This will give the North & West merchant states an unfair advantage over the agricultural _____.
8. Congress has the power to make laws it thinks are “_____ and proper.” This is no adequate limitation on its power. As a result, the powers of the state legislatures and the liberties of the people could be taken from them.

Benjamin Franklin described the significance of the convention stating that at the back of the President’s Chair he wasn’t sure if the painting was of a rising sun or a setting sun...”but now at long length, I have the happiness to know that it is a _____ and not a _____ Sun”

<p>1. Why was the Constitution sometimes described as “a bundle of compromises”?</p>	
<p>2. What was Benjamin Franklin’s opinion of the Constitution crafted by the Framers?</p>	
<p>3. Why did George Mason refuse to sign the Constitution?</p>	
<p>Summary:</p>	