

Benjamin Franklin

Alexander Hamilton

James Madison

George Washington

What were they thinking?

Activity Instructions:

What were they thinking? While you are watching *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution*, consider the ideas proposed and debated by the members of the Constitutional Convention. Fill in the thought bubbles next to each of these main characters.

Extension Activity:

Consider how the Constitution addresses the following themes:

- Checks & Balances
- Federalism
- Executive Powers
- Bicameral Legislature
- Taxation and Representation

Check out this online interactive from the Library of Congress to find out more :

<http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/creatingtheus/interactives/constitution/index.html>

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