

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## PRE-LESSON 1 CHAPTER 10

*“Done in Convention, by the unanimous consent of the States present, the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the twelfth. In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names.”*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President, (and Deputy from Virginia.

*New-Hampshire.* John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman.

*Massachusetts.* Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King.

*Connecticut.* William Samuel Johnson, Roger Sherman.

*New-York.* Alexander Hamilton.

*New-Jersey.* William Livingston, David Brearley, William Paterson, Jonathan Dayton.

*Pennsylvania.* Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas Fitzsimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouverneur Morris.

*Delaware.* George Read, Gunning Bedford, jun. John Dickenson, Richard Bassett, Jacob Broom.

*Maryland.* James McHenry, Daniel of St. Tho. Jenifer, Daniel Carroll.

*Virginia.* John Blair, James Madison, jun.

*North-Carolina.* William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, Hugh Williamson.

*South-Carolina.* John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler.

*Georgia.* William Few, Abraham Baldwin.

Attest,.....**WILLIAM JACKSON**, Secretary. **IN CONVENTION**,

**Monday, September 17th, 1787. PRESENT,**

The States of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Mr. *Hamilton* from New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia.

*Resolved,*

**THAT** the preceding Constitution be laid before the United States in Congress assembled, and that it is the opinion of this Convention, that it should afterwards be submitted to a Convention of Delegates, chosen in each State by the People thereof, under the recommendation of its Legislature, for their assent and ratification; and that each Convention assenting to and ratifying the same, should give notice thereof to the United States in Congress assembled.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Convention, That as soon as the Conventions of Nine States shall have ratified this Constitution, the United States in Congress assembled should fix a day on which Electors should be appointed by the States which shall have ratified the same, and a day on which the Electors should assemble to vote for the President, and the time and place for commencing proceedings under this Constitution: That after such publication the Electors should be appointed, and the Senators and Representatives elected: That the Electors should meet on the day fixed for the election of the President, and should transmit their votes, certified, signed, sealed and directed, as the Constitution requires, to the Secretary of the United States in congress assembled: That the Senators and Representatives should convene at the time and place assigned: That the Senators should appoint a President of the Senate, for the sole purpose of receiving, opening and counting the votes for President; and that, after he shall be chose, the Congress, together with the President, should without delay proceed to execute this Constitution.

*By the unanimous order of the Convention,*  
GEORGE WASHINGTON, President.  
.....WILLIAM JACKSON, Sec'ry.