

Annenberg Foundation DVD ~ "Creating a Constitution"

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Date _____ Period _____

As you watch the video, answer the following questions.

1. Prior to the creation of the US Constitution, how were most countries in Europe ruled?
2. What has history done with our Founding Fathers? Why is this an inaccurate portrayal of these men?
3. How long did Ben Franklin think that the Constitution would last?
4. What was the other name for the Articles of Confederation?
5. What were some of the problems that existed under the Articles of Confederation?
6. Which event caused concern and sounded the call for a meeting to change the Articles of Confederation?
7. Who was the only person at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 that had a clear plan for the new government?
8. Why was George Washington's involvement in the Constitutional Convention critical for its success?
9. What happened on the 3rd day of the Convention? Which state brought this up?
10. What compromises were made at the Convention?
11. According to the video, what was the greatest Constitutional Crisis in the history of the United States?
12. What was left out of the original Constitution? According to the video, why was this not included?