

Sequence of events: writing the Constitution

- > Read the social studies passage (excerpt from the textbook). In this excerpt, the authors write about the events that led up to the Constitution.
- > Design and write a pop-up book describing and illustrating the sequence of events that led to the ratification of the Constitution.

In your booklet, be sure to

- write in your neatest handwriting
- state your claim in the introduction
- use details from the passage to support your claim
- indent each new paragraph
- use topic sentences to begin each new paragraph
- summarize your claim in your conclusion
- write fast and furiously
- check your writing for correct spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation
- include a timeline of events
- include a "Words to Know" page
- include as many words from your government vocabulary lists as possible
- include as many transitional words as possible

(Turn over for more suggestions)

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You might want to consider organizing your notes into the following paragraphs:

- > Paragraph One: Introduction (state your claim)
- > Paragraph Two:
 - Shays's Rebellion: who, what, where, when, WHY
- > Paragraph Three:
 - Constitutional Convention: who, what, where, when, who was in charge, conditions, WHY
- > Paragraph Four:
 - Debate: Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, etc.
- > Paragraph Five:
 - Compromise: who, what
- > Paragraph Six: Conclusion
- > Other:
 - Draw a time line of events.
 - Include a "Words to Know" page.