

## **Sequence of Events: Writing the Constitution**

- ➤ Reread pages 383-395 in the social studies textbook. These pages describe the events that led up to the writing of the Constitution.
- > Design and create a PowerPoint describing and illustrating the sequence of events that led to the ratification of the Constitution.

## In your PowerPoint, be sure to

- state your claim in the introduction
- use details from the pages in the textbook to support your claim
- indent each new paragraph
- use topic sentences to begin each new paragraph
- summarize your claim in your conclusion
- type fast and furiously
- check your writing for correct spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation
- include a timeline of events
- include a map and a title and description of the map
- include a "Words to Know" page
- include as many transitional words as possible

(Turn over for more suggestions)

## **Sequence of Events Leading Up to the Ratification of the Constitution:**

You might want to consider organizing your notes and your PowerPoint into the following pages:

- > Design your title page. Some ideas for titles could be:
  - Synopsis of Events Leading Up to the Writing of the Constitution
  - Sequence of Events Leading Up to the Writing of the Constitution
  - The Constitution: Now How Did That Happen?
  - Be sure to include your name on the title page.
- > Page One: Title Page
  - Include the words "Title Page" centered in the middle of the page.
  - Include the title of your booklet.
  - Include your name.
  - Include the date your PowerPoint was published.
- > Page Two: Table of Contents.
  - Include the words "Table of Contents" centered in the middle of the page.
  - Include all of the pages and the topics of each page in your PowerPoint (including the timeline, map, and Words to Know page).
- > Pages Three: Introduction
  - Include a hook
  - Introduction (state your claim)
  - Add the details that will be included in your booklet.
  - Include illustrations or other features.
- > Pages Four and Five: Shays's Rebellion
  - Shays's Rebellion: who, what, where, when, WHY
  - Use quotes and facts from the textbook!
  - Include illustrations or other features.
- > Pages Six and Seven: The Constitutional Convention
  - Constitutional Convention: who, what, where, when, who was in charge, conditions, WHY
  - Use quotes and facts from the textbook!
  - Include illustrations or other features.

- > Page Eight: The Debate
  - Debate: The Virginia Plan, and the New Jersey Plan
  - Use quotes and facts from the textbook!
  - Include illustrations or other features.
- > Page Nine: The Compromise
  - The Compromise: who, what
  - Use quotes and facts from the textbook!
  - Include charts, diagrams, or other features.
- > Page Ten: Conclusion
  - Summary
  - Restate your claim.
  - Include illustration or other features.
- > Page Eleven: Timeline
  - Create a time line of events that led up to the ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America.
  - Use your textbook to find your facts.
- > Pages Twelve and Thirteen: Maps
  - Include at least one map that shows an important event or place of the Constitution.
  - Label and describe the map.
- > Page Fourteen: Words to Know/Glossary
  - Include a "Words to Know" page. You may also call it a "glossary" to use a fancier term.
  - Be sure to add any words that you think are important for your readers to understand.