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## **Shh! We're Writing the Constitution** **by Jean Fritz, 1987**

- **Read the excerpt from the book Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz. In this excerpt, the delegates debate fiercely over what kind of government the young country needs. They argue over whether to revise the Articles or to come up with a new plan entirely. Why do you think the debate was so fierce?**
  
- **Write a one-page essay describing why you think the debate was so fierce.**

**In your answer, be sure to**

- **write in your neatest handwriting**
- **state your claim in the introduction**
- **use details from the story 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**