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## FAMOUS PEOPLE

There were many famous people that went to the Independence Hall.

Some are:

- George Washington
- Benjamin Franklin
- James Madison
- Robert Madison

George Washington - The First President of the United States of America Serving from 1789 to 1797. He led the victory for the American Revolutionary war. He also was included in the writing of the Constitution.



Benjamin Franklin was one of the founding fathers of the United States. He was many things - a leading author, printer, political theorist, politician, postmaster, scientist, musician, inventor, satirist, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat.



James Madison was an American statesman and political theorist. He wrote the Constitution and is nicknamed, "Father of the Constitution". He wrote the Bill of Rights. He was the fourth President of the United States.



Robert Morris was a merchant and signer of the Declaration of independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. He was the Chairman of Pennsylvania Committee of Safety. He was a delegate to the Second Continental Congress.



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## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Year	Event
1775	Revolutionary War begins (the 13 Colonies revolt against the British)
1776	Declaration of Independence written and approved by the Continental Congress
1781	Revolutionary War ends, The Continental Congress agrees on the Articles of Confederation
1783	Britain recognizes the independence of the USA (Treaty of Paris)
1787	US Constitution written at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, PA
1788	US Constitution ratified by 9 states [June 22] and becomes the supreme law of the USA
1789	George Washington elected first President of the USA. March 4, The first Congress met
1790	First Supreme Court assembled, US capital moves to Philadelphia
1791	The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution
1800	US capital moves to Washington, District of Columbia
1802	Marbury v. Madison - the first time that the court found that a law was unconstitutional
1861	Abraham Lincoln elected President. The Civil War begins
1865	Civil War ends. Amendment 13 - Slavery abolished. Abraham Lincoln killed.
1868	Amendment 14 - Rights of citizenship to all people born in USA or naturalized
1870	Amendment 15 - Gives the right to vote to all citizens, regardless of color or race, but women are not mentioned
1913	Amendment 16 - Income tax begins
1920	Amendment 19 - Women's suffrage (women given the right to vote)
1971	Amendment 26 - Voting age lowered to 18
1992	Amendment 27 - Congressional pay increases go into effect only during the next Congressional session





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The Independence hall has 3 floors.

The rooms on each floor:

Floor 1 has the Assembly room and the Supreme Court Chamber.

The Assembly room looks like a dining area with white walls and chandeliers.

The Supreme Court room has long rows of seats and has yellow walls.

Floor 2 has the Long gallery, Governor's Council Chamber, and the Committee of Assembly Chamber.

The Long Gallery is a large hall with blue and white walls with red curtains. It has a few chairs by the wall. The Governor's Council Chamber has dining tables and portraits on the yellow walls with big windows.

Floor 3 has the famous Bell Tower.

The Bell Tower has the Liberty Bell. It is slightly cracked and weighs 13,000 pounds. It was from 1876.

The Construction of the Independence Hall began in 1732. It was the symbol of the nation to come. it was built and designed by Edmund Woolley and Andrew Hamilton. The Provincial government paid for construction. It was made from red bricks in a Georgian style. It was completed in 1753 and it took 21 years to build.



Rooms on the First Floor (ground floor)



Assembly Hall



Supreme Court Room

Rooms on the Second Floor



Long Gallery



Governor's Council Chamber



Committee of Assembly Chamber





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## THE CONSTITUTION

The Preamble is an introductory sentence to the Constitution that states the six goals.

They are:

- To Form a More Perfect Union  
(This isn't our first try, the Articles of Confederation was)
- Establish Justice  
(Create a fair court system)
- Insure Domestic Tranquility  
(Keep Peace at home)
- Provide for the Common Defense  
(Make an army)
- Promote the general welfare  
(Provide for our citizens)
- Secure the blessings of liberty  
(Make sure our children are free)



The 7 Articles give guidelines for the government to follow.

They set up this-

- 1- Legislative
- 2- Executive
- 3- Judicial
- 4- Full faith and Credit
- 5- How to amend the Constitution
- 6 - The Supreme Law of the Land
- 7- They need 9 out of 13 states to ratify  
- Full faith and credit

The 27 Amendments are written changes to the Constitution.  
The 1st 10 are the Bill of Rights.



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Did you know...

- The Bill of Rights was written by James Madison, who is also known as the “Father of the Constitution”?
- The Constitutional Convention was in 1787?
- The first president was actually a man from Maryland named John Henson?
  - The Independence hall was the site for the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights?
- The Declaration of Independence was the only one signed in secrecy?
- The Independence hall was originally known as the State House of the Province of Pennsylvania?
- The Independence Hall was the first place to reveal the American Flag?
- The Independence hall was also known as the Old State House?
  - George Washington sat in a “Rising Sun” Chair during the meetings?

