

1. On September 17, 1787, all 12 state delegations approved the Constitution and 39 of the 42 delegates present at the Convention signed it.
2. At 81 years old, Benjamin Franklin was the oldest person to sign the Constitution.
3. In 1787, Philadelphia was the nation's largest city with a population of 40,000, there were 4 million in the country.
4. George Washington and James Madison were the only Presidents who signed the Constitution.
5. James Madison proposed twelve amendments to the Constitution of which ten became the Bill of Rights.
6. The U.S. Constitution has 4,400 words and is the oldest, shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world.
7. There are 27 amendments to the Constitution of which the first 10 are the Bill of Rights.
8. On June 21, 1788, the constitution becomes effective for the ratifying states when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.
9. The first presidential election takes place on February 4, 1789, but the results were not known until April 6.
10. On December 15, 1791, Virginia ratifies the Bill of Rights and 10 of the 12 proposed amendments become part of the U.S. Constitution.