

Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Resources

Shh! We're writing the Constitution

Shh! We're writing the Constitution	 TTTLE OF BOOK: Shh! We're writing the Constitution AUTHOR: Jean Fritz GRADE LEVEL: 3-8 TOPIC/THEME: It's the summer of 1787, and it's hot! Fifty-five delegates from thirteen states have huddled together in the strictest secrecy in the Philadelphia State House to write the Constitution of the United States.
Primary Source Thumbnail	Library of Congress Bibliographical Information and Connections to Literature
	 TTTLE: A N.W. view of the state house in Philadelphia taken 1778 / C.W. Peale delin.; J.T. sculp. CREATED/PUBLISHED: [1787] CREATOR: Trenchard, James, b. 1747, engraver. Peale, Charles Willson, 1741-1827, artist. URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004671521/ CONNECTION: This is a picture of the building that the fifty-five delegates met in to write the constitution and it was taken in the same year that the constitution was written.
	Title: Thomas Jefferson, 1788, Chart of State Votes on the United States Constitution URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mtj1&fileName=mtj1page010.db&recNum=678 CONNECTION: This is a chart, recording the states votes on the constitution. This shows actual writing from Thomas Jefferson from the creation of the constitution.
	 TITLE: Front page of The Boston Gazette, Nov. 26, 1787 containing letter to the editor from "A Federalist" concerning constitutional convention. CREATED/PUBLISHED: 1787 URL: <u>http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004679481/</u> CONNECTION: This is a newspaper article discussing one person's concerns about the constitutional convention. The newspaper was published in the same time as the convention was going on. This brings in an idea of some of the people at the time.
	TTTLE: Title page of the Federalists Papers CREATED/PUBLISHED: 1787 URL: <u>http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003654698/</u> CONNECTION: These essays were a result of the development of the constitution. They were written to urge people of the time to ratify the new United States constitution.





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	CONNECTION: This is the end result of what the literary piece is all about. It is
Alternative House and Constants	one of the first printed copies of the constitution.
	TITLE: The foundation of American government / Hy. Hintermeister.
THE REAL PROPERTY AND	CREATOR(S): Hintermeister, Henry, b. 1897, artist
Ren of the	DATE CREATED/PUBLISHED: [Newark, New Jersey : Osborn Co.], c1925.
	URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/93504023/
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A CLAIMER MAN	Washington, Benjamin Franklin and others in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It depicts
	a scene that could have occurred during this momentous occasion in the United
	States history.
	TTTLE: A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional
Animate of the residual converting [Policy 13/13 Min a	Documents and Debates, 1774 – 1875 Farrand's Records, Volume 1
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	with the convention.
COLLED	TITLE: Alexander Hamilton's notes for a speech proposing a plan of government at
	the Federal Convention, [18 June 1787]. (Alexander Hamilton Papers)
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all and the fall fall for the fall	and vocal critic of the Articles of Confederation, Hamilton was firmly aligned with
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	June speech was his most important public document because it outlined his
	philosophy of government.
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Vices of the political system of the re States	URL: <u>http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-</u>
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1. Facture of the	CONNECTION: This source is an original writing of James Madison. In it he
States to comply with the	explains some problems that he sees in the political system of the United States at
constitutional requisitions.	that time. This was before the constitution was written.
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Confederation	bin/ampage?collId=rbpe&fileName=rbpe17/rbpe178/17802600/rbpe17802600.db&r
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Perpetual Union	CONNECTION: This is a printed version of the Articles of Confederation. The
I BETWEEN THE	Articles created a loose confederation of sovereign states and a weak central
STATES	government, leaving most of the power with the state governments. The need for a
O F	stronger Federal government soon became apparent and eventually led to the
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