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# How the War Started

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King George the III was taxing the colonies in America. The colonies did not like to be taxed by the British. Then the Revolutionary war broke out. Eventually America won. America needed to form a government. That's where my book starts...

Tax: Money that people need to pay. The money that they pay goes to the government.

## Relax, the war is over

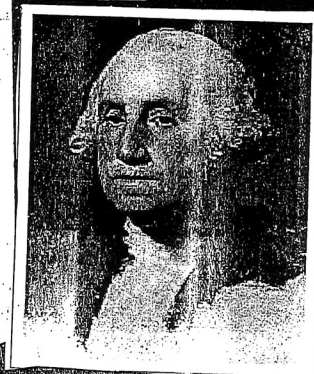
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After a long war of being general during the revolution, George Washington goes home. He deserves a break after all he has done for America. The real question is what does he do when he goes home?

He went back to his lovely house in Virginia. George Washington owned a farm. He wanted to improve his farm. Basically he wanted to plant more crops. He also wanted to improve his farm by buying more land to expand his farm.

George Washington did not get to work on his plantation (farm) for very long. He was interrupted because he was called to go to a convention.

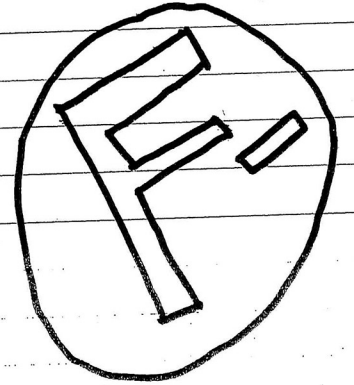
After the Revolutionary war happened, Benjamin Franklin became the ambassador to France. An ambassador is a person sent by a government to represent a country. Benjamin Franklin was sent to France to represent America.



# A Failing Country

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## Why Were the States Failing?

The thirteen states were failing. They were failing because they did not have a strong government. When America was ruled by Great Britain they had a very strong government to rule over them. Without Great Britain America could fall.

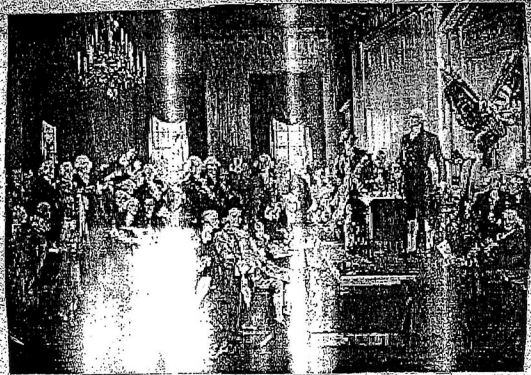


## The Constitutional Convention

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### What Was Discussed?

At the Constitutional Convention the Constitution was being discussed. The delegates were trying to form the Constitution. They had many arguments over what should go into the Constitution. Eventually they figured out what should go in.



### What was the Constitutional Convention?

The Constitutional Convention was a very important meeting. At that meeting delegates were chosen to come. That meeting is answer to why we have a Constitution.

# The Three Branches of Government

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The Constitution explains how our government works. There are three branches the legislative branch, the executive branch and the judicial branch. The legislative branch writes the law. The executive branch approves or vetoes the law. The judicial branch enforces the law. The legislative branch is the Supreme Court. The executive branch is the president and vice president. The judicial branch is the court and judges.

Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Judicial Branch
Supreme Court	President and Vice President	Court and Judges
Writes the law	Says yes or no to the law	Enforces

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The constitution is important. It is important because without the constitution America would not have any rules. Each state would be more like a country. Nothing would be towering over America telling the people what and what not to do. Without the constitution America would fall apart.