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American Constitution - 2

Directions: Read each question carefully and fill in the blank with the correct answer.

1. In February 1787, delegates from each state met in _____ to discuss the Articles of Confederation.
2. Name the five men responsible for writing the first draft of the new constitution.

3. In 1789, the _____ dissolved, and the first Congress began.
4. The Bill of Rights officially went into effect after _____'s approval in 1791.
5. _____ said the Constitution was sound, but because many thought it did not specify individual rights and protections well enough, he proposed a Bill of Rights to Congress.
6. In August 1789, a list of proposed changes to the constitution was submitted and redrafted into _____ Amendments by the House of Representatives. The Senate edited this draft and changed it to _____ Amendments.
7. _____ said the constitution was "near perfection" in his mind.
8. The constitution defines the roles of _____, _____, _____, _____, and the _____.
9. _____ of the articles were rejected by a number of states, which left the Bill of Rights at _____ Amendments.
10. The constitution states that _____, _____, and _____ are the three branches of American government.

Answer Key

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1. In February 1787, delegates from each state met in **Philadelphia** to discuss the Articles of Confederation.
2. Name the five men responsible for writing the first draft of the new constitution. **John Rutledge, Edmund Randolph, Nathaniel Gorham, Oliver Ellsworth, and James Wilson**
3. In 1789, the **Articles Congress** dissolved, and the first Congress began.
4. The Bill of Rights officially went into effect after **Virginia's** approval in 1791.
5. **James Madison** said the Constitution was sound, but because many thought it did not specify individual rights and protections well enough, he proposed a Bill of Rights to Congress.
6. In August 1789, a list of proposed changes to the constitution was submitted and redrafted into **seventeen** Amendments by the House of Representatives. The Senate edited this draft and changed it to **twelve** Amendments.
7. **Benjamin Franklin** said the constitution was "near perfection" in his mind.
8. The constitution defines the roles of **Congress, Senate, House of Representatives, President, Vice President,** and the **Supreme Court**.
9. **Two** of the articles were rejected by a number of states, which left the Bill of Rights at **ten** Amendments.
10. The constitution states that **legislative, executive,** and **judiciary** are the three branches of American government.