

**Part Two, The Making of America:
Less. 15: Prosperity Economics**

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(Lesson Time 33:03)

[for Sunday, March 15, 2015]

Reading: The Making of America, pages 221-230

Chapter 9 – Baptism of Fire

Pre-lesson questions for homework study and review: [*Supplemental* notes are bracketed]

1. ON WHAT DAY WAS THE CONSTITUTION SIGNED? Sep 17, 1787. WHERE DID IT GO THEN?
(PAGE 223)

- o Constitution sent to Congress
- o Delegates in both [CC and Congress] answered questions
- o After 8 days, sent to the states with no changes [Date sent to states 9/25/1787:]

2. WHAT WAS THE INITIAL PUBLIC REACTION TO THE CONSTITUTION?

DID THIS REACTION SURPRISE MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? (224)

An Explosion Among the States

- o *Pensylvania Packet* published entire document [no other content in publication!]
- o General alarm resulted
 - expected only amendments to Articles
 - “3 headed monstrosity”
 - did not surprise Const. Conv. delegates

3. WHAT WERE THE FIVE REASONS GEORGE MASON GAVE FOR REFUSING TO SIGN THE CONSTITUTION? (224- 25)

George Mason’s Objections

- o He had refused to sign
- o No Bill of Rights
- o President too powerful
- o VP was unnecessary exposure
- o No cabinet or council
- o Saw federal courts as a threat

4. WHAT IMPORTANT THINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE STATE RATIFYING CONVENTIONS?
(226)

State Ratification Conventions

- o Thousands felt compelled to study
- o Suggestion to strengthen: Bill of Rights
 - Washington asked for suggestions
 - 189 submitted!
 - [James Madison] Reduced to 17
 - 12 approved by Congress, 10 ratified by states

5. WHAT ARE THE FEDERALIST PAPERS? WHO WROTE THEM? WHAT DID THEY ACCOMPLISH?
(226-27)

The Federalist Papers

- o Series of Newspaper articles in New York
- o Written under penname of PUBLIUS

-Hamilton - 51 -Madison - 26 -Jay - 5

-3 others, total of 85 papers. [us supreme court frequently quoted then, now seldom!]

6. THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JOHN ADAMS WERE OVERSEAS ON DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE RATIFICATION DEBATES.

HOW DID THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION? (227)

Endorsements from Overseas

o Thomas Jefferson o John Adams

7. WHICH STATE WAS THE FIRST TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION?

WHICH STATE WAS THE NINTH, AND WHY WAS THIS IMPORTANT?

WHICH STATE WAS LAST? (227-29)

Race to Ratify

o Delaware (" the First State" [their boast] - unanimous - Dec 1787

o Pennsylvania

o NJ & GA - unanimous

o CT & MA (<MA narrowly) [-small states acknowledges their apprec for compromise]

o MD & SC

o NH (9th state [all that was now needed]) June 1788

o VA (close) 87-89

o NY (30-27)

o NC - Nov 1789

o RI - May 1790 - 34-32!

8. DESCRIBE THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN 1789. (229- 30)

Rebirth of a Nation

o 1789 – Year of organization:

-January 7 - Presidential electors chosen

-April 1 - House of Rep. Convened

-April 6 - Senate organized and joint session of Congress meets for the first time and counted votes. Washington elected unanimously.

April 15 - *Gazette* (Congressional Record) begun

-April 30 - Washington inaugurated [NY, Federal Hall]

Washington Organizes Government

o Sec of State = Jefferson

o Sec of Treasury = Hamilton

o Sec of War = Henry Knox

o Chief Justice = John Jay

o Attorney General = Randolph [4 cabinet Officers only, Washington. Today 13!: Sec of Educ., Interior, Energy, Agriculture – none authorized in Congress for this! Reagan tried to dissolve this aspect of Cabinet, Congress refused!]

o Created an Army of 1,000 men.

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