



The Founding of Our Nation – Philadelphia, Where the United States Was Born

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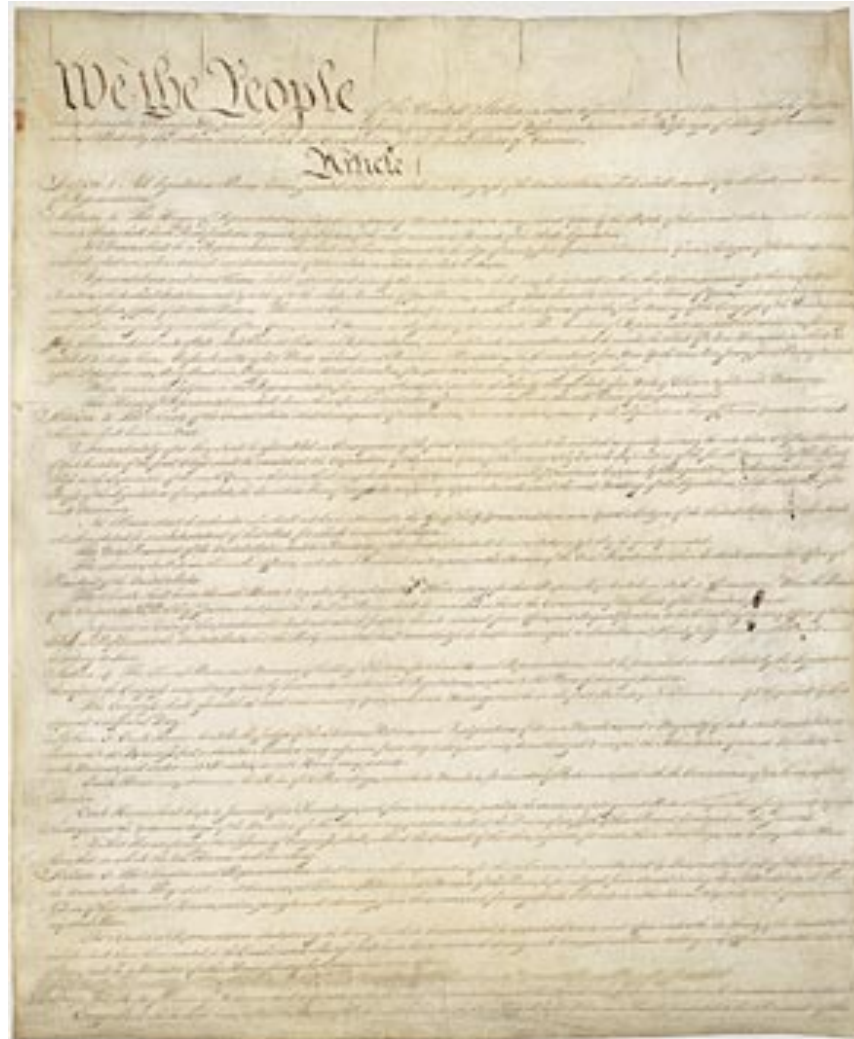
Philadelphia, PA

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Declaration of Independence

- Continental Congress
- Adopted July 2, 1776
- Wording Approved July 4, 1776 and read
- Fireworks became part of the annual celebration

On to a Constitution



Constitution

- Federal Convention
- State House (Independence Hall)
- Convened May 14, 1787
 - To revise the Articles of Confederation
- May 25, 1787 – quorum
 - 12 states attended, Rhode Island skipped
- Voted to meet in closed, secret sessions

Constitution

- September 17, 1787 – All 12 state delegations approve, 39 of the 42 delegates sign
 - Convention adjourns
- On to ratification

The Liberty Bell



Liberty Bell

- Iconic symbol of American Independence
- Arrived in Philadelphia August 1752
- Bell cracked at first strike
- Recast and ready again in March 1753
- Inscription on the Liberty Bell: “Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof” (Leviticus 25:10)
- Originally in the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall)

Philadelphia

- Truly the Birthplace of the United States
- We are now going to visit the places that saw that birth