**Delegate Resume & Cover Letter**

Objective: This activity will provide students with the opportunity to research the delegates of the Constitutional Convention.

Each student will receive a different delegate to research.  Each student will be required to compile a Resume and Cover Letter including the following items:

Your delegate is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Cover Letter:**  In your cover letter, you will explain why you are a qualified candidate for the Constitutional Convention. There are five issues that are primarily being debated in the Convention, so you should write on how your delegate feels about these issues.  Cover letters should be between 1-1 ½, typed, double spaced.

* Should power rest in the states or the national government? Why? How much power should the leaders have and what type of leaders should there be? How should we select our governmental leaders?
* How should the government be structured? How much power should each branch of government have and what specifics need to be considered about each branch (legislative, executive, judicial)?
* How should representation be decided, by population or equally by state? Should slaves count in the population?
* What should be done about the slave trade?
* Do we need to guarantee individual rights?

**Delegate Portfolios will be due on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

You may wish to use the following resources during your research:

[*http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop\_ccon.html*](http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop_ccon.html)

[*http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/convention1787.html*](http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/convention1787.html)

[*http://www.jmu.edu/madison/gpos225-madison2/adopt.htm*](http://www.jmu.edu/madison/gpos225-madison2/adopt.htm)

[*http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/continental/constit.html*](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/continental/constit.html)

[*http://www.archives.gov/national\_archives\_experience/charters/constitution\_founding\_fathers.html*](http://www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/charters/constitution_founding_fathers.html)

[*http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/delegates/*](http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/delegates/)

You are to create a resume (no more than two pages typed) that includes:

* Name
* Residence
* Education
* Work Experience
* Military or Political Experience
* Distinguished Honors
* Philosophy of Government
* Personal Background
* Picture of Founding Father
* Quote

The information is to be specific and brief. Use my resume of Thomas Jefferson as an example.

1. Research: Use the websites to locate biographical information, a picture of the person you are playing in the Constitutional Convention, and a quote of the founding father.
2. Resume: Construct a resume. Use my example as a template. Your resume can be handwritten or typed. THE RESUME SHOULD BE NEAT!

\*\*REMEMBER: This is resume is as though written PRIOR to 1787.\*\*

The resume I have given you is a basic example. It can, and should be, more detailed and elaborate.

Thomas Jefferson

Monticello, Virginia

“Enlighten the people, generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day.”

## Education

1762 College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

1762 Study of Law with George Wythe

## Professional Work Experience

1766 Admitted to the Bar, Lawyer

1769 House of Burgesses, Virginia

## Military or Political Experience

1784-present Served as U.S. Ambassador to France

1779-1783 Governor of Virginia during the American Revolution

## Distinguished Honors

1776 Writer of the Declaration of Independence

1779 Author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

**Philosophy of Government**

People created government to protect their rights

It is the right and duty of the people to do away with tyrants

## Personal Background

Married to Martha Wayles Skelton

Father of six children

Accomplished surveyor, scientist, planter and violinist