

Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States



Artist: Howard Chandler Christy

A few of the men in the painting include: George Washington (standing on the platform by the flags), Benjamin Franklin (sitting in front, with his cane), James Madison (at the table, to Franklin's left), and Alexander Hamilton (leaning towards Franklin).

Name: _____

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ANSWER KEY

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As the title implies, this picture depicts the Constitutional

Convention signing of the Constitution of the United States.

George Washington presides over the gathering as representatives from each state sign the document.

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Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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September 17, 1787

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