

What in the World is a Chief Executive?!

Congratulations! The Constitution has been adopted and ratified! Well done! Now, the Office of President must be created. You and the other Founding Fathers have many questions that must be answered in order to bring the Constitution to life.

Procedure:

1. Choose a Founding Father from the list below. You will represent his political presence at the Committee for Office of President meeting on _____.
2. Research your character. You will need to research your character and determine whether he was a Federalist or an Anti-Federalist. By studying the ideas of these groups, you will be able to determine how you will vote on the issues.
3. Founding Fathers that will be attending this meeting:

John Hancock (Massachusetts)
John Adams (Massachusetts)
Elbridge Gerry (Massachusetts)
Samuel Adams (Massachusetts)

Alexander Hamilton (New York)
John Jay (New York)

George Mason (Virginia)
James Madison (Virginia)
George Washington (Virginia)
Thomas Jefferson (Virginia)

Richard Henry Lee (Virginia)
Edmund Randolph (Virginia)
Patrick Henry (Virginia)

Benjamin Franklin (Pennsylvania)

Gouverneur Morris (Pennsylvania)

4. Once you know how you feel toward the Constitution, divide into two groups, Federalists and Anti-Federalists. Remember that you are friends with many of these people. This is not you against an enemy. You all have the same goal: build a new, strong nation for the people, by the people. The only one that will lose if this does not go well is America.
5. Work out a plan to answer each of the following questions. Once you have come to agreement, you are ready to attend the Committee Meeting.
6. On the day of the Committee Meeting, you will need to select a Presiding Officer. You will need to determine how many votes are required for passage of a plan. 2/3 vote? Simple majority? A certain percentage? This will be the first thing you must agree on as a Committee.

7. Issues

The following questions must be answered about the office of President.

1. Title for the Executive Branch
 - a. How should he be addressed?
 - b. What is his official title?
2. Salary
 - a. Yes? How much?
 - b. No?
3. Housing the Chief Executive
 - a. Palace
 - b. Private home, his/her choice
 - c. Rented room
 - d. other
4. Greeting the Chief Executive
 - a. Bowing, as before a king
 - b. Handshake
 - c. Secret greeting
 - d. other
5. Access to the Chief Executive
 - a. Invitation only
 - b. Stop by any time
 - c. Ticket sales
 - d. other
6. Election of the Executive:
 - a. Who should choose the Chief Executive?
 - b. How should the Chief Executive be chosen?
7. Inauguration:
 - a. When?
 - b. Where?
 - c. How/ Ceremony details
8. Advisors
 - a. Yes or no?
 - b. Personal choice?
 - c. Voted in?
 - d. Congress' choice
 - e. other
9. Is there a service that you see as necessary in our time that should be personally filled by the Chief Executive?