**Opening of the Convention**

**Please read the Section 8.4 and answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

1. Why did Rhode Island boycott the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why did Thomas Jefferson call the convention “an assembly of demi-gods”?

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3. Why was James Madison called the “Father of the Constitution”?

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4. Why do you think the delegates decided to work behind closed doors (in secrecy)?

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5. What beliefs did the delegates share? (Must give 3 or more)

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6. What ideas divided them? (Must give 2 or more).

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**Turn over --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------->>>**

**Meet the Delegates**

Pick one fact (from the list below) that you found interesting. Explain why you thought that was an interesting fact about the delegates of the Constitutional Convention. Support your reasoning by explaining why you found the fact interesting.

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**Delegates**

* The average age of the delegates was forty-three.
* Jonathan Dayton from New Jersey was the youngest delegate at age twenty-six.
* Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest delegate at age eighty-one.
* Eight of the delegates had also signed the Declaration of Independence.
* Seven of the delegates had been governors of their states.
* Delegates came from every state except Rhode Island.
* One-half of the delegates were lawyers.
* Eight delegates were merchants or traders.
* Five delegates were planters.
* Thee of the delegates were office-holders.
* Among the delegates were one financier (banker) and one political scientist.
* Twenty-four delegates had fought in the Revolutionary War.
* One-half of the delegates owned slaves.
* Seventy-nine men were named delegates to this convention; fifty-five delegates were sent to the meeting in Philadelphia.

**Constitutional Convention: Pie Chart**

Directions: Create a pie chart of the occupations of the Constitutional Convention delegates. Make sure you include a **TITLE** for the pie chart and **LABEL** each part with the occupation and percentage. Also, each part needs to be in COLOR.

Occupations of the 55 Delegates to the Constitutional Convention

* 50% - lawyers
* 15% - merchants and traders
* 9% - planters (farmers)
* 5% - office holders
* 2% - financier (banker)
* 2% - political scientist (studied governments)
* 17% - Other occupations