### Constitutional Convention



Statesmen from the new states met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to write new laws for the new nation.

They began to create a new government

## Important Virginians who were present at the Constitutional Convention

James Madison and George Washington





James Madison



The "Father of the Constitution"
He was the great compromiser

Elect



The new form of government gave the citizens the right to choose their leaders

# As Virginians moved west, they took these with them

### Traditions, ideas, and cultures

They moved to find new farmland and opportunities

Louisiana Territory



A huge piece of land purchased from France by Thomas Jefferson

Daniel Boone



Trailblazer of the Cumberland Gap



tobacco



This crop was hard on the soil and farmers had to find fresh land



#### George Washington

#### "Father of our Country"



First president of the United States

Commander in Chief of the Continental Army

#### James Madison

### "Father of the Constitution"



Wrote the Bill of Rights

Was the 4th President of the United States

George Mason

Wrote the

Virginia Declaration of Rights



Thomas Jefferson

Wrote the Virginia Statute of Religious

Freedom



arranged purchase of Louisiana Territory from France 3rd U.S. President

## Virginia Declaration of Rights

Gave citizens rights such as freedom of the press and freedom of religion

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Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

Gave citizens the right to worship their own God



Bill of Rights

Part of the Constitution that listed certain freedoms that everyone should have



Documents that served as models for the CONSTITUTION

Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

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