

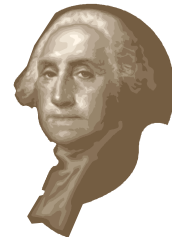
## Constitutional Convention



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

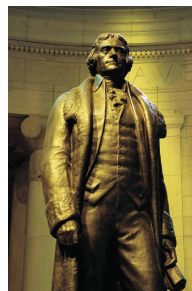
George  
Mason

Wrote the  
Virginia Declaration of Rights



Thomas  
Jefferson

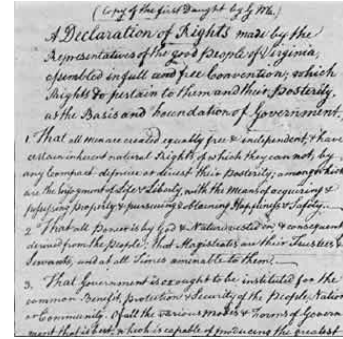
Wrote the  
Virginia Statute of Religious  
Freedom



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

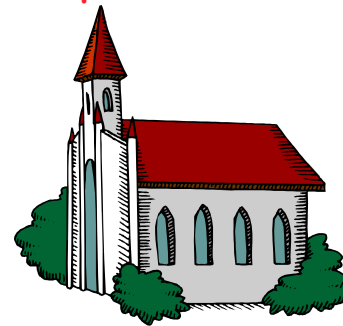
## Virginia Declaration of Rights

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



## 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

PRESIDENT

Head of the  
**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**



SUPREME COURT

Part of the  
**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

