

Inside the First Congress: Debating the Bill of Rights

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Review Worksheet

Draw from your work and discussions at the four stations of this lesson to answer each of the following questions. Record your group's response to each question on this sheet. Be prepared to share your findings as directed.

1. Examine the text of Article V of the Constitution. How did the creation of the Bill of Rights follow the steps for amending the Constitution specified in Article V?
2. To what extent did James Madison moderate the terms of the proposed amendments received from the states?
3. How might the process of creating the Bill of Rights have increased public support for the newly established federal government?
4. Which of the amendments studied in this lesson do you think is least understood by the public? What would you say about it to help people understand its significance?
5. Overall, what role did Congress play in shaping the Bill of Rights?

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