**Delegate Groups:**

Group 1

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| 17 | **Spaight** (Shown signing the Declaration) | NC | 29; politician, public security, planter, slave holder; present for all but one week; supporter of movement for stronger federal gov’t; support ratification of Const.; from Ireland; military service to legislature; representative; Democratic-Republican |
| 1 | **Washington** (Shown standing tall on a platform) | VA | 55; planter, slave holder, general, lending/investments, public security, real-estate, speculation; present whole time; President of Convention; spoke only once, influenced direction of discussions; became president; interest in the West; worked with other nations as emissary; represented VA at 1st and 2nd Continental Congresses; military experience; Whig leader; disliked British restrictions and commercial exploitations; denounced military take-over of gov’t; lost a lot of wealth; disliked Articles--strong central gov’t;  leaned on Hamilton for advice; disliked political parties |
| 18 | **Blount** (Shown next in line to sign) | NC | 38; politician, public security, planter, merchant, real-estate, speculation, educator; present for most of the signing; supported ratification of Const.; one of 1st U.S. Senators; most of adult life in public office; said very little, signed reluctantly (to make it “unanimous”); Governor for Territory South of the River Ohio, Superintendent of Indian Affairs; expelled due to plan to take over Spanish provinces for British |

Group 2

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| 37 | **Dickinson** (Shown in background) | DE | 54; lending, investment, lawyer, retired; Committees Assumption of State Debt, Slave Trade, Leftovers, Economy, Frugality and Manufactures; George Read signed name; accused Madison of “going too far”--proportional representation; no public office under new government; led conservative side of colonial political battles--against Franklin (used pen rather than sword); voted against DOI--refused to sign; headed committee that drafted Articles |
| 19 | **Williamson** (Shown looking at signers with paper in his hand) | NC | 51; born in PA; lending, investments, real-estate, speculation, public security, doctor, merchant, author, professor; Committees of Representation, Assumption of State Debt, Slave Trade, Trade, Leftovers; present throughout--most significant contribution was to get NC to support CT Compromise; supported ratification of Const.; saw Tea Party-reported to England, told that colonies would rebel if British didn’t change policies; friends with Franklin; letter that alienated from mother country; key part on major compromise about representation |
| 3 | **Madison** (Shown sitting at his own little table to the left of secretary) | VA | 36; politician; Committees of Representation, Slave Trade, Leftovers, Style; present through signing; wrote Virginia Plan, defended stronger government, took notes that would later be public record; Patriot cause, state and local politics, framed Virginia constitution, revolutionary steps framed; wrote about deficiencies of Articles; collaborated with Hamilton and Jay in essays in The Federalist; helped frame and ensure passage of Bill of Rights; founded Democratic-Republican (opposition to Hamilton); president, diplomat; slave holder--later resettlement mission |

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| 8 | **Pinckney** (Standing with arm out) | SC | 29; lawyer, planter and slave holder, lending, investments, public security; Committee of Rules; proslavery position at Convention, strong Bill of Rights proponent, supporter of strong central government; Pinckney enlisted in War for Independence, captured, prisoner of war; nationalist, navigation rights to Mississippi/strengthen congressional power; controversial role--one of youngest delegates, claimed to be most influential, claimed to submit original draft (rejected), spoke a lot, contributed to draft and resolution of problems that arose; Democratic-Republican |
| 13 | **Johnson** (Sitting at the table with crumpled papers around) | CT | 59; lawyer, inventor, public security, lending, investment; Committees on Slave Trade, State Commitments, Style, Economy, Frugality, and Manufactures; influential in CT Compromise; although opposed many of the Acts, he had strong transatlantic ties--difficult to choose sides even though he found British policies unwise; refused to participate in First Continental Congress; peacemaking efforts; emissary--failed negotiations; CT gov’t radical patriots--Johnson fell out of favor; one of the most influential and popular at Convention |
| 22 | **Gorham** (Sitting, bottom left) | MA | 49; merchant, speculator, public security, real-estate; Committees of the Whole, Detail, Representation, Trade, State Commitments; present for all but 1 day during attendance; warm supporter of strong central government; didn’t serve in new gov’t due to speculation crisis; moderate nationalist--spoke often, stood behind the Constitution |
| 23 | **Dayton** (sitting, bottom left) | NJ | 26; public securities, real-estate, speculation, lawyer, businessman; present through all but one week; temper, honest; backed some federalist measures; indicted for treason but not prosecuted (conquest of Spanish lands)  |

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| 2 | **Franklin** (Sitting in the center of the painting, looking at viewer) | PA | 81; born in MA, inventor, real-estate, speculation, lending, investments, publisher; Committees of Representation, Economy, Frugality, and Manufactures; brought prayer to begin Convention, “Rising Sun” speech; died 1 year later; called to unite colonies during French and Indian war; congress adopted “Plan of Union” yet assemblies reject it; spokesman at London for American rights; served on committee to create DOI |
| 5 | **Morris** (Standing, arms crossed, behind Hamilton) | PA | 35; lawyer, mercantile, manufacturing, shipping, educator; Committee of Representation, Leftovers, Style; present for all but three weeks, spoke more than any other, supported strong central government; wrote Preamble and “obligation of contracts clause” in Article 1, Section 10; emissary to England and France; Senator’ signed Articles, instructions for Franklin that were partial basis for treaty of Paris; friend of Washington, strong supporter; advocate of nationalism, actually drafted Constitution; anti-Democratic-Republicans |
| 29 | **Livingston** (Man leaning over to pick up chair?) | NJ | 63; Committees of Assumption of State Debts, Slave Trade, Frugality and manufacture; no position in new gov’t; Committee of Correspondence, 1st and 2nd Continental Congress; leader of a militia, later governor; promoted agriculture, anti-slavery movement; couldn’t attend every session but played role in compromise on issue of slavery, New Jersey Plan supporter |
| 12 | **Sherman** (At table next to Johnson) | CT | 66; lawyer, merchant, public security, cobbler; Committees of Representation, Assumption of State Debt, Trade, Leftovers; Attended all but brief absence; Signed all three documents; debated Madison over representation issue, securing passage of CT Compromise; advocated high taxes; helped draft NJ plan and prime mover behind Great Compromise |
| 4 | **Hamilton** (Sitting next to Franklin, leaning toward him) | NY | 30; lawyer, public security, real-estate, speculations, soldier; Committees of Rules, Style; absent for a great deal of Convention; Hamilton plan--neither NJ or VA plan are adequate to handle problem; principle author of Federalist Papers; strong central government; Secretary of Treasury--proposed national bank, assumption of state war debts, funding national debt, encouragement of manufacturing; first political parties--Hamilton (federalists) v. Jefferson and Madison (Democratic-Republicans) |

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| 20 | **Jenifer** (standing off the platform to the left of Washington, with his back to viewer, bottom-right corner) | MD | 64; landowner, public security, planter, slave holder, office holder; no committees; friends with Washington; supported Revolutionary movement, at first reluctantly, as a conservative nationalist; attended every session, didn’t speak much, backed Madison and nationalist element; died three years later.  |
| 16 | **Bassett** (standing off the platform to the left of Washington, bottom-right corner) | DE | 42; lawyer, public security, lending, investments, farmer; no committees; present all but one week, no record fo speaking, said to serve because of religious beliefs; political career in both houses of Congress; at convention-cast no critical votes, allowed others to make major steps; embraced federalist cause; Adams “midnight” appointment to judge--later abolished by Jeffersonian Republicans.  |
| 15 | **Read** (standing off the platform to the left of Washington, bottom-right corner) | DE | 53; lawyer, public security, lending, investment, planter, slave holder; Committees of Representation, Trade; signed for self and Dickenson; DE 1st Senator; irregular presence at the Convention, willing to protect colonial rights--wary of extremists; only signer of DOI to vote against Independence--Tory sentiment; erratic attendance in U.S. Senate, yet sided w/ Federalists there |
| 6 | **Morris, R.** (seated off the platform to the left of Washington, bottom-right corner) | PA | 53; mercantile, manufacturing, shipping, real-estate, speculation, public security; no committees; signed all three national documents; nominated Washington for President; one of PA’s first U.S. Senators; joined other merchants during Stamp Act, ten years later join Revolution, import arms and ammo from him; funded the war and Continental Army would have demobilized w/o him; Superintendent of Finance under Articles--helped financial situation of country; used loan from France to set up gov’t incorporated bank in U.S.; at Convention sympathized with Federalists though silent; declined 1st Sec. of Treasury |
| 7 | **Wilson** (standing, with hand under chin, off the platform to the left of Washington, bottom-right corner) | PA | 45; lawyer, public security, real-estate, speculation, Latin tutor; Committees of Detail, State Commitments; at Convention spoke often about strong central government, “conformed to majoritarian principles”; defined strategy of Federalist party in his State House; Washington nominated for Associate Justice of SC; later he became more conservative; republican leadership; land speculation got in involved in a scheme that lead to possible arrest that he escaped from.  |

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