

Teaching American History
A More Perfect Union
The Origins and Development of the United States Constitution
Book List: Year One
January to June 2010

Required

Adair, Douglas. *Fame and the Founding Fathers*. The Liberty Fund, 1974. p. 3-36; pp.152-199.

Amar, Akhil Reed. *America's Constitution: A Biography*. Random House, 2006. pp. 5-204.

Bernstein, R. B. *The Founding Fathers Reconsidered*. Oxford University Press, 2009.

Berkin, Carol. *A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution*. Harcourt, 2002. Entire book.

Berkin, Carol. *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence*. Vintage Books, 2006. Introduction, Chapters One and Ten.

Kammen, Michael, ed. *The Origins of the American Constitution: A Documentary History*. Penguin Books, 1986. pp. 53-122.

Staloff, Darren. *Hamilton, Adams, Jefferson: The Politics of Enlightenment and the American Founding*. Hill and Wang, 2005. pp. 1-131.

Wood, Gordon. *The American Revolution: A History*. Modern Library, 2002. pp. 65-176.

Wood, Gordon. *The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin*. Penguin Press 2004.

Optional

Gibson, Alan. *Interpreting the Founding: Guide to the Enduring Debates over the Origins And Foundations of the American Republic*. University Press of Kansas, 2006.

Books will be given to the teachers at no cost at the opening meeting.

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