VS.6a James Madison "Father of the Constitution"





James Madison believed that having a United States Constitution was important.

He kept detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention.

He had very good skills at compromising. This helped the delegates come to an agreement.



Father of the

Constitution

Teaching tips:

- Make a mini-book of colorful paper. (Directions on next page)
- Have students glue the title "James Madison" on the cover, and the facts and pictures about him in the boxes on pages inside the mini-book.
- Write in more details about the facts or draw pictures to give more meaning to the facts.
- Teachers may choose to have student write the facts themselves.





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How to Make a Mini-Book

- 1. Fold a $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11''$ piece of paper in half (hamburger fold).
- 2. Fold it again into half (another hamburger fold).
- 3. Fold it in half one more time to make the small book (still another hamburger fold). This last fold is hard to crease. I roll it a bit first in the middle, then crease, to make it easier.
- 4. Open it all the way up. You will have 8 sections.
- 5. Fold it again (hamburger fold) so the fold is to the top.
- 6. Beginning at the fold, use scissors to cut down the center, stopping in the middle after just one panel, so you have a slit in the middle.
- 7. Open up, refold (hotdog fold). Crease it really well.
- 8. Holding the extreme left and right outside panels, Push your hands together until you create a window in the middle. At this point, I always tell kids to "look through the spy window to see me."
- 9. Still holding the right and left edges, bring your hands completely together until your thumbs touch, to "close the window". If you look from the top, you are now holding an X.
- 10. Next, collapse the X by folding the panels together to make the book. You will have 6 inside pages to this "mini-book."

Most people need to have this demonstrated to have success!

Directions adapted from Robin Fogerty.

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