



**George
Washington**

He provided strong leadership. This was needed to help our young country.

He provided a model for leadership of future presidents.

He is often called "The Father of Our Country."

He was elected the first president of the United States.

Commander in chief of the Continental Army during Revolutionary War

President of Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787



**James
Madison**

- believed in the importance of having a United States Constitution
- kept detailed notes during the 1787 Constitutional Convention, which helped the delegates understand the process of developing this most significant document
- used his skills at compromise to help the delegates reach an agreement during the difficult process of writing the Constitution of the United States of America
- is often called the “Father of the Constitution”
- 4th president of United States
- Provided leadership during General Assembly to help get Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom passed



George Mason

***Wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights
Constitution was modeled from his plan
Wrote the rights for all Virginians***

Thomas Jefferson

Wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

Founded University of Virginia

Third president of United States

In 1803, President Jefferson bought a large chunk of land from France for \$15 million. Known as the Louisiana Purchase, it doubled the size of U.S. Government encouraged Americans to go west.

