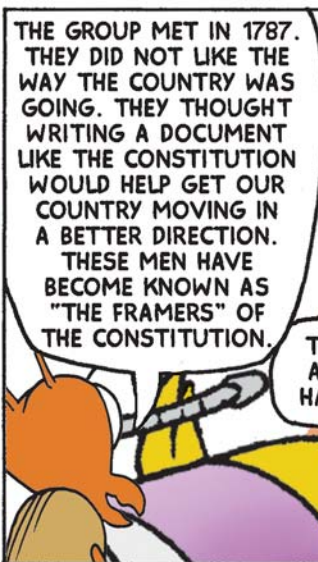


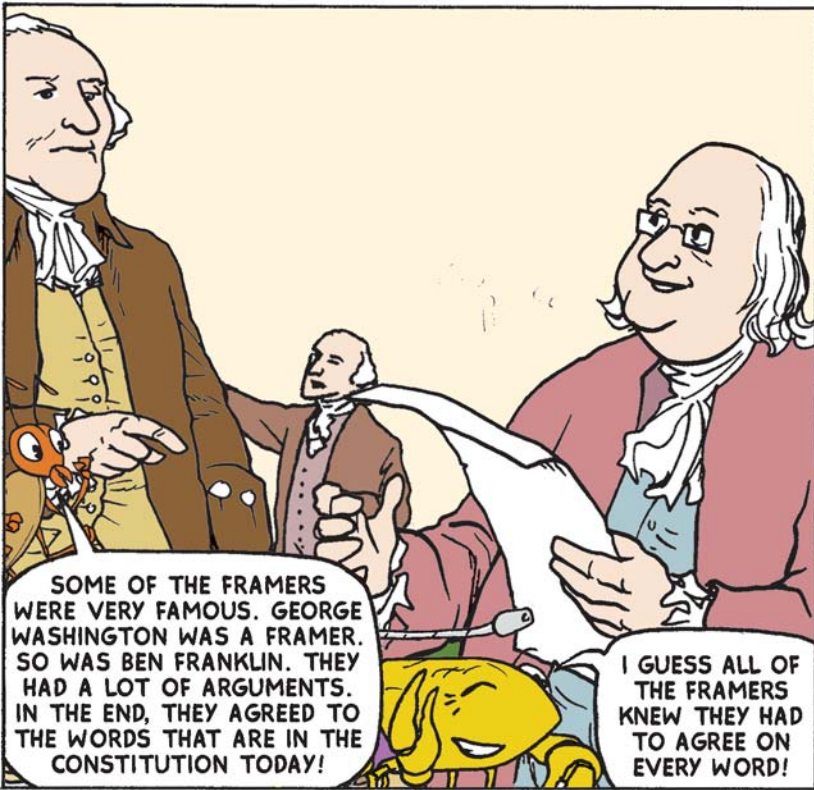
THIS PICTURE SHOWS US THE GROUP OF MEN THAT MET TO WRITE THE CONSTITUTION.

I BET THAT WAS AN EXCITING TIME!



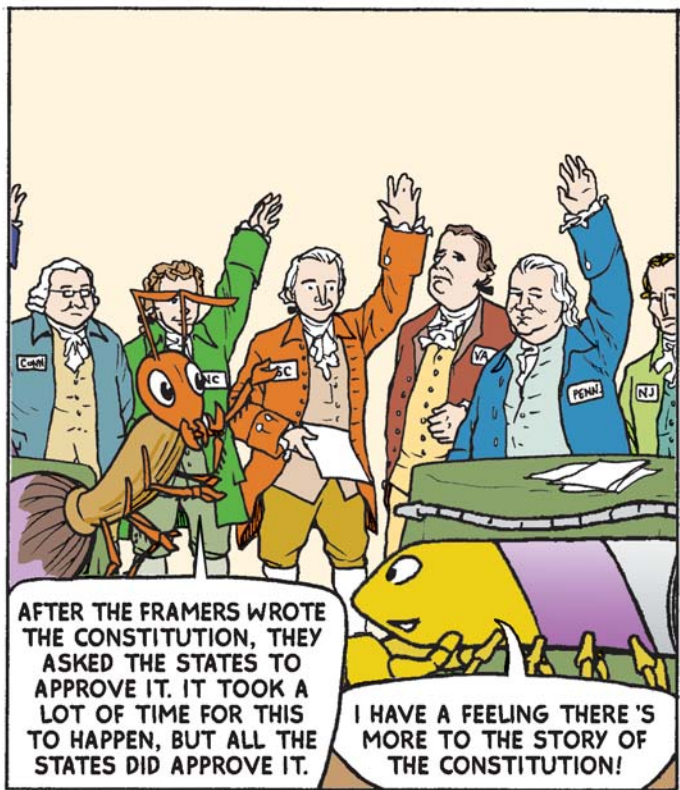
THE GROUP MET IN 1787. THEY DID NOT LIKE THE WAY THE COUNTRY WAS GOING. THEY THOUGHT WRITING A DOCUMENT LIKE THE CONSTITUTION WOULD HELP GET OUR COUNTRY MOVING IN A BETTER DIRECTION. THESE MEN HAVE BECOME KNOWN AS "THE FRAMERS" OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THEY HAD A REALLY HARD JOB!



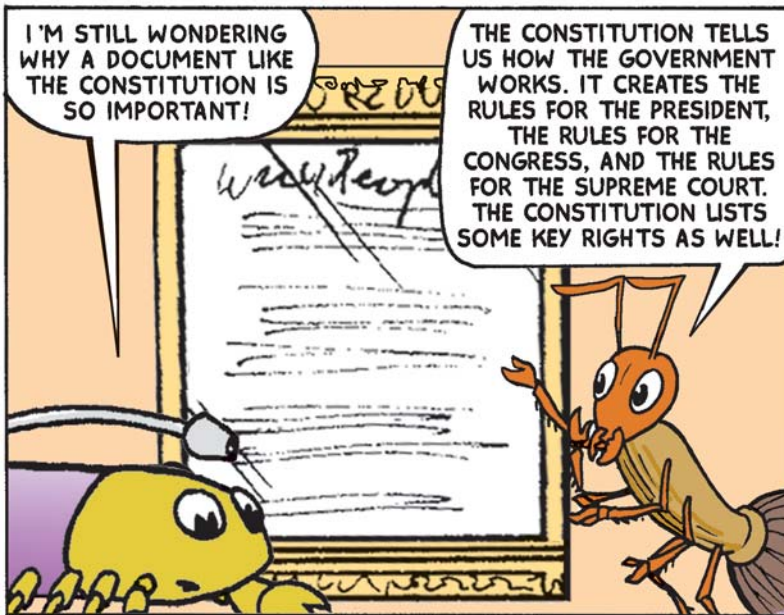
SOME OF THE FRAMERS WERE VERY FAMOUS. GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS A FRAMER. SO WAS BEN FRANKLIN. THEY HAD A LOT OF ARGUMENTS. IN THE END, THEY AGREED TO THE WORDS THAT ARE IN THE CONSTITUTION TODAY!

I GUESS ALL OF THE FRAMERS KNEW THEY HAD TO AGREE ON EVERY WORD!



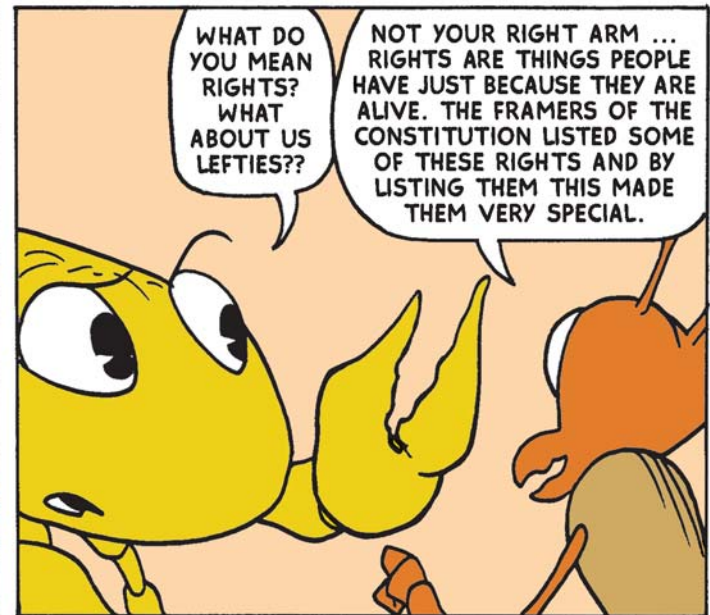
AFTER THE FRAMERS WROTE THE CONSTITUTION, THEY ASKED THE STATES TO APPROVE IT. IT TOOK A LOT OF TIME FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, BUT ALL THE STATES DID APPROVE IT.

I HAVE A FEELING THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY OF THE CONSTITUTION!



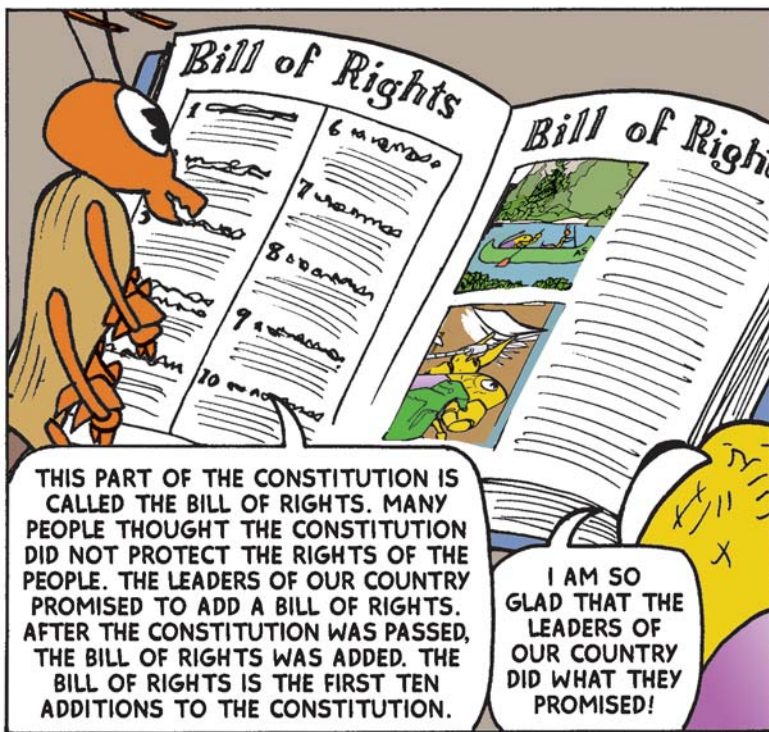
I'M STILL WONDERING WHY A DOCUMENT LIKE THE CONSTITUTION IS SO IMPORTANT!

THE CONSTITUTION TELLS US HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS. IT CREATES THE RULES FOR THE PRESIDENT, THE RULES FOR THE CONGRESS, AND THE RULES FOR THE SUPREME COURT. THE CONSTITUTION LISTS SOME KEY RIGHTS AS WELL!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN RIGHTS? WHAT ABOUT US LEFTIES??

NOT YOUR RIGHT ARM ... RIGHTS ARE THINGS PEOPLE HAVE JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE ALIVE. THE FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION LISTED SOME OF THESE RIGHTS AND BY LISTING THEM THIS MADE THEM VERY SPECIAL.

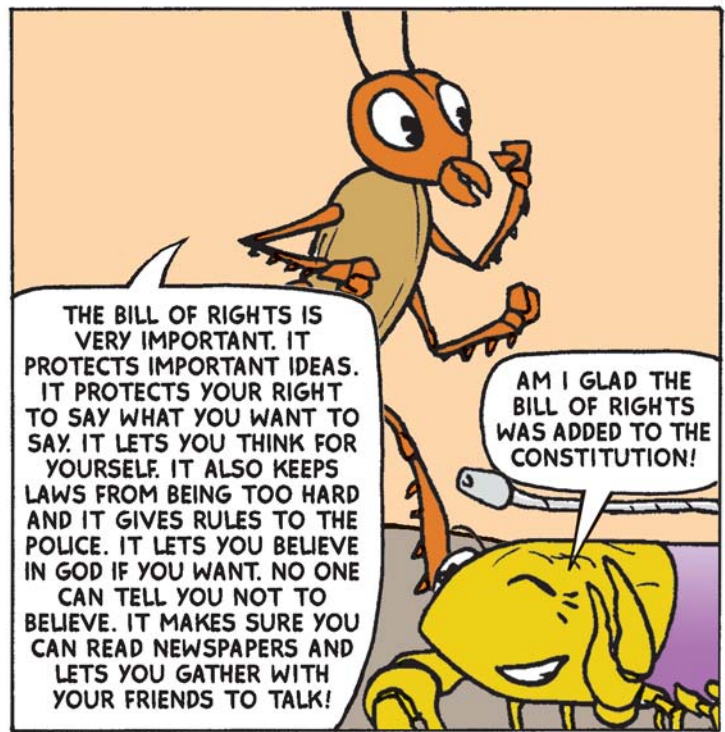


Bill of Rights

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THIS PART OF THE CONSTITUTION IS CALLED THE BILL OF RIGHTS. MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT THE CONSTITUTION DID NOT PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY PROMISED TO ADD A BILL OF RIGHTS. AFTER THE CONSTITUTION WAS PASSED, THE BILL OF RIGHTS WAS ADDED. THE BILL OF RIGHTS IS THE FIRST TEN ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

I AM SO GLAD THAT THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY DID WHAT THEY PROMISED!



THE BILL OF RIGHTS IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT PROTECTS IMPORTANT IDEAS. IT PROTECTS YOUR RIGHT TO SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY. IT LETS YOU THINK FOR YOURSELF. IT ALSO KEEPS LAWS FROM BEING TOO HARD AND IT GIVES RULES TO THE POLICE. IT LETS YOU BELIEVE IN GOD IF YOU WANT. NO ONE CAN TELL YOU NOT TO BELIEVE. IT MAKES SURE YOU CAN READ NEWSPAPERS AND LETS YOU GATHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS TO TALK!

AM I GLAD THE BILL OF RIGHTS WAS ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION!

