

Suggested Further Readings for

Who Wrote the U.S. Constitution? Teaching the Founding Era

Akhil Reed Amar, *America's Constitution: A Biography* (Random House, 2005); a comprehensive analysis the text of the U.S. Constitution, which pays close attention to its ratification and later amendment.

Richard Beeman, *Plain, Honest Men: The Making of the American Constitution* (Random House, 2009); a page-turning narrative history of the Philadelphia Convention.

Pauline Maier, *Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788* (Simon & Schuster, 2010); a splendid history of ratification.

Jack Rakove, *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* (Vintage Books, 1997); a sophisticated analysis of the political and ideological contexts for the writing and ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

George William Van Cleve, *A Slaveholders' Union: Slavery, Politics, and the Constitution in the Early American Republic* (University of Chicago Press, 2010); the most thorough analysis of the role of slavery in the making of the U.S. Constitution.

Gordon S. Wood, *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815* (Oxford University Press, 2009); a comprehensive political history of the early republic.