

let me share a story

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imagine if you will

- Multiple currencies with little to no value drove the lack of payment for the debts promised to brave soldiers whom had sacrificed
- Competing interests from personal to regional were driving fear & mistrust
- The potential of civil war or complete disintegration
- Hope was not lost; however, a clear and present danger loomed
- Foreign forts remained occupied on the soil; foreign navies occupied the ports and coastline

the young United States of America; was failing

a meeting in philadelphia

- 55 men from differing backgrounds
- An extremely hot & humid summer
- A small sealed room with no ventilation
- Wool Clothing
- The flies were terrible

These were not perfect men; however, they by no means were not common men; they created something extraordinary

the political big bang

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- We the People
- 7 Articles defining the branches and rules of not just any government; an entirely new system of government, based upon laws; rooted in liberty; this would not, nor never be a nation of men
- 27 amendments related to liberties we hold dear would follow as a mirror of our triumphs and short-comings

signed 331 years ago today, our United States Constitution was signed, later to be ratified defining our nation as President Ronald Reagan stated: *the shining city on the hill*