

1787: “We the People”

Directions: Carefully read and examine each source to complete the chart. Then answer the questions at the bottom in your own words.

Source	Type (Examples: newspaper, letter, map, cartoon, poster, photo, government document, electronic, etc.)	Author	What does this source tell you about the “we” in “we the people”? Who are they? What do they think?	Give one piece of evidence to support your statement in the previous column.	Who is not included?	What bias might the author have when creating this source?
The <i>US Constitution</i> , Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 3 (textbook)						
Painting						
Occupations (secondary source)						
Excerpts from James Madison’s <i>Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787</i>						
From James Madison’s Notes on the Constitutional Convention						
John Dickinson’s personal notebook						

1. After evaluating these sources, who were “We” in We the People in 1787?

2. What was the dilemma at the Constitution Convention? How do you know?