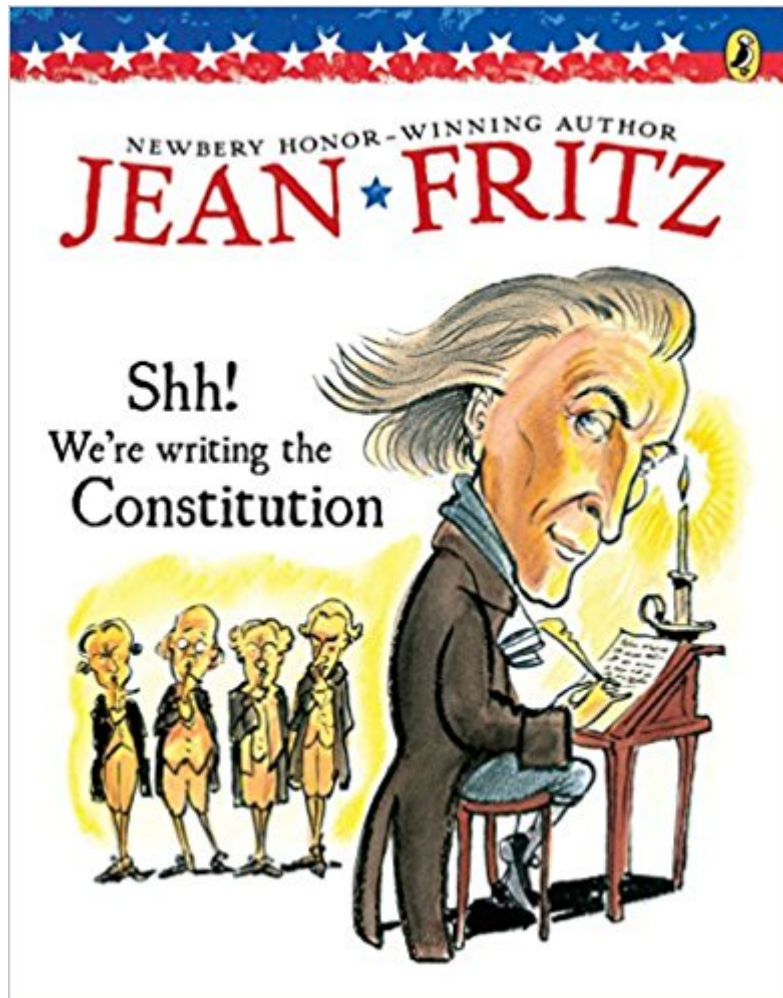




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# Shh! We're Writing The Constitution



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love it

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This book is a wonderful way to help students understand the events leading up to and including the writing of the Constitution. I used it with my 8th graders and it was much easier for them to understand than the textbook.

Constitution Week is September 17-23! Great book for educating children.

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