



INDIANA BICENTENNIAL HEARING QUESTION

Congressional District / Regional

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL

Unit Four: How Has the Constitution Been Changed to Further the Ideals Contained in the Declaration of Independence?

3. Indiana's second constitutional convention was held in the Hall of Representatives in the state capital in Indianapolis starting October 7, 1850 and ending February 10, 1851. On Election Day, 1851 Indiana's voting public ratified the new Constitution. By the 1840's why did many Hoosiers believe the 1816 Indiana Constitution needed revising? (1)
 - What new concerns were addressed in the new Constitution?
 - How did the new constitution support the idea of popular, common sense democracy?

(1) Madison, James H. *Hoosiers and the American Story*, Indiana Historical Society Press, Indianapolis, 2014: 75-82