

The Constitutional Convention

The Articles of Confederation were not working, and American leaders decided to call a convention to revise the Articles.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?

Conflicts:

- 1.
- 2.

What's the goal of the Convention?

Compromises of the Constitutional Convention

Directions: Use the information packet to fill in information about each of the following plans and/or compromises from the constitutional convention.

Virginia Plan

1. How was representation in Congress determined through this plan?
2. Describe the structure of government it proposed.
3. How is power distributed and what are the powers given to each branch of government?
4. How are the executive and judicial officials chosen?
5. Why does this plan favor large states?

Key Features

New Jersey Plan

1. How is representation in Congress proposed in this plan?
2. Describe the structure of government it provides for.
3. How is power distributed and what are the powers given to each branch of government?

Key Features

4. How are the plural executive and judicial officials selected?

5. Why is this plan favored by small states?

Connecticut Compromise ("Great Compromise")

1. Which state suggested this compromise?

2. Why is compromise necessary in a democracy and why is it necessary in this case?

3. What was the main idea the compromise took from the Virginia Plan?

4. What was the main idea the compromise took from the New Jersey Plan?

5. What is this compromise also known as and do you agree with this nickname?

6. What is the reason for this nickname?

Key Features

3/5 Compromise

1. What issue in the Connecticut Compromise brought about the question of slave representation?

2. Why did the North dislike the idea of counting votes by slaves?

3. What were the two sides of this compromise?

4. What did the compromise say? What phrase is used to define slaves?

5. What happened in the 1860s that erased this compromise?

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