

Constitutional Convention Study Guide

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- * I understand the history of the convention: where the delegates met, who was there, and their initial intentions for the meeting.
 - Location: Philadelphia, PA (Independence Hall)
 - Who: 55 delegates, including:
Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton,
George Washington, James Madison
 - Why: To address issues with the Articles of Confederation.

 - * I can explain why the Framers chose to write a new Constitution rather than revise the Articles of Confederation.
 - Articles required 13 of 13 states to approve an amendment
 - Too many problems with Articles

 - * I understand the different perspectives of the delegates that represented the big states, small states, and slave states at the Constitutional Convention.
 - Large States → Legislative representation based on population
 - Small States → Legislative representation based on an equal share among States
- Slave issue
- some wanted slaves to count towards population
 - some wanted slaves to count towards taxation
- $\frac{3}{5}$ compromise had slaves count for both.

* I can compare the Virginia & New Jersey Plan

Virginia Plan

- bicameral
↳ 2 Houses
- Representation based on population

New Jersey

- unicameral
↳ 1 House
- Representation based on equal share

* I can explain how the Great Compromise met needs of both large and small states

• proposed by Roger Sherman

* Bicameral

- Upper House = Senate = 2 representatives per State (NJ Plan)

- Lower House = House of Representatives = representation based on population

* I am able to describe what Africans experienced on the Middle Passage

- Cramped conditions, physical abuse, sexual abuse, malnutrition, exposure to disease, open exposure to fecal matter.

* I can create and explain a diagram that shows the structure of the national government created in the Great Compromise

