

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

1. Each state has 1 vote in _____, regardless of _____
2. Congress no power to _____
3. No _____ branch
4. No national _____ system
5. _____ required a unanimous vote
6. States printed their own _____

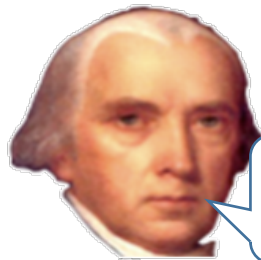
Shay's Rebellion

- Many former _____ are now farmers with high debts
- Daniel Shays leads a group to rebel over owed _____ in Massachusetts
- Federal government unable to _____
- Local _____ raised to put down _____
- Shows that _____ are too weak and a new government is needed

The Philadelphia Convention

- Meets in _____
- State representatives decide to create a new _____ rather than fix Articles

Key Figures of the Convention



I am _____! I led the convention as president but kept quiet.



I'm James Madison from VA. I am "_____" because I wrote most of it.



I'm _____. I'm from NY and argued for a strong national government.



I'm _____ from PA – I say states must hold more power!



I'm _____ of CT. I think small states should not be overlooked!

I'm _____ – we must not forget a Bill of Rights!

Plans for the Constitution

The Virginia Plan

Based _____ in Congress on each state's population.

Favored by _____ states because it gave them more power.

The New Jersey Plan

_____ in Congress is equal for all states.

Favored by _____ states because it gave them more power.

Compromises

The Great Compromise

- Solves _____ between large and small states
- _____ – 2 per state
- _____ - based on population

3/5th's Compromise

- Placated the _____ states
- Counts _____ as _____ of a person for state population

Federal Law

- National Laws are the _____ law of the land
- States have power to make laws but can't _____ Federal
- Limits the powers of the government to those in the _____

Checks and Balances

- Avoids a powerful _____ government
- 3 equal _____
 1. _____ – makes laws
 2. _____ – enforces laws
 3. _____ – interprets laws

Solutions to Confederation Problems

1. Great _____
2. Congress _____ to tax!
3. Executive Branch led by _____
4. _____ Court & Federal Courts
5. _____ Congress & _____ of states
6. National _____