

Constitutional Convention



- * September 17, 1787
- * Philadelphia, PA
- * Purpose: Revise the AOC
- * 55 delegates attended from 12 states, not Rhode Island.
- * George Washington:
President of Convention
- * James Madison: Secretary,
known as: "Father of the
Constitution"



Compromise:

An agreement in which each side gives up part of what it wants.



I. Conflict: Representation in Legislature

A. Virginia Plan:

(large states)

2 House legislature & representation based on population.



B. NJ Plan: (small states)

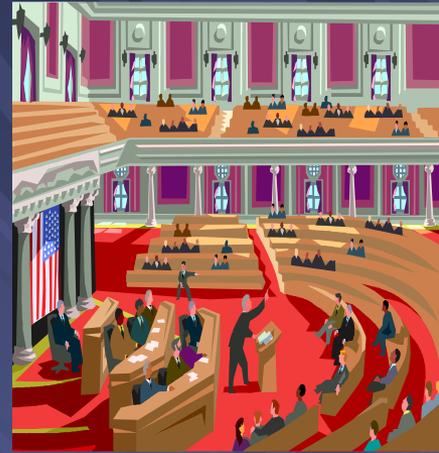
1 house legislature & representation based on equality.



I. Compromise: Great Compromise

A. 2 house legislature (bicameral)

B. Upper House (Senate)
based on equality (2 per state)
Lower House (HOR)
based on population.



II. Conflict: Slavery

Southern states wanted
slaves counted in population,
North didn't.

Representation and Direct Taxes

Northern Plan

- Slaves not to be counted to determine representation in the House
- Slaves to be counted when figuring direct taxes owed by a state

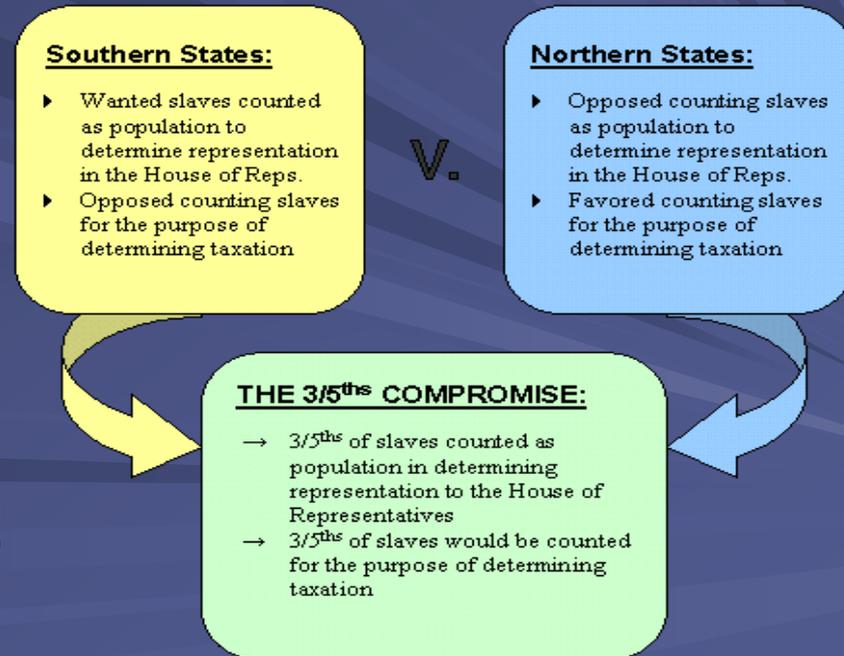
Southern Plan

- Slaves to be counted to determine representation in the House
- Slaves not to be counted when figuring direct taxes owed by a state

What would you do?
Create a solution
with your group.

II. Compromise: Three-Fifths Compromise

1. Every 5 slaves would be counted as 3 person towards representation.
2. Officially recognized that slavery was allowed in US.



III. Conflict: Trade

How much power should
Congress have over
trade?

Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Western Position

- No taxes should be placed on goods or products going from one state to another

Southern Position

- No export taxes should be placed on goods or products going to another country
- Slave trade should not be prohibited

What would you do?
Create a solution
with your group.

III. Compromise: Trade

1. National Government should control trade b/w states and other countries.
2. Congress could tax imports but NOT exports.

IV. Conflict: Executive

Create a solution for the questions below.

1. Should the executive be one person or a committee?
2. Should voters be trusted to pick a President?
3. What if power is misused?

IV. Compromise: Executive

1. Executive headed by
1 Person: President.



2. Creation of the electoral college to choose President.

3. Allow President to be impeached if power is misused.