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Two key constitutional compromises revolved around issues of population and slavery. Study the chart below and answer the questions.

Total State and Slave Population, 1790			
State	**Total Population**	**Slave Population**	**Percent Slave Population**
Connecticut	238,000	2,648	1.11
Delaware	59,000	8,887	15.06
Georgia	83,000	29,264	35.26
Maryland	320,000	103,036	32.20
Massachusetts	476,000	0	0.0
New Hampshire	142,000	157	0.11
New Jersey	184,000	11,423	6.21
New York	340,000	21,193	6.23
North Carolina	394,000	100,783	25.58
Pennsylvania	434,000	3,707	0.85
Rhode Island	69,000	958	1.39
South Carolina	249,000	107,094	43.01
Virginia	692,000	292,627	42.29
Sources: *Historical Statistics of Black America; Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*			

1. Rank the States in order of total population. (1 = largest population, 13 = smallest)

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2. Rank the States in order of slave population.

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3. In which States was the slave population greater than 15 percent of the total population?

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4. In which States was the slave population less than 15 percent of the total population?

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5. Which States would have supported the Virginia Plan? Why?

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6. Which States would have supported the New Jersey Plan? Why?

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Think and Reflect

7. The Connecticut Compromise has been called "The Great Compromise." Do you think this is an appropriate term? Why or why not?

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8. The Three-Fifths Compromise has been called "The Sectional Compromise." Do you think this is an appropriate term? Why or why not?

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9. Based on the information in this chart, which State would you suppose had constitutional prohibitions, laws, or other plans to make slavery illegal? How do you know?

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