

Forming a Government

Vocabulary Builder

Creating the Constitution (Section 3)

DIRECTIONS Read each term. On the lines provided, write the letter for the definition that matches each term.

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| _____ 1. checks and balances | a. meeting where representatives discussed ways to improve the Articles of Confederation |
| _____ 2. Constitutional Convention | b. the sharing of power between states and the central government |
| _____ 3. Great Compromise | c. wrote most of the Virginia Plan |
| _____ 4. James Madison | d. called for a legislature with representation in both houses based on population |
| _____ 5. New Jersey Plan | e. responsible for proposing and passing laws |
| _____ 6. popular sovereignty | f. called for a one-house legislature in which each state had an equal number of votes |
| _____ 7. Three-Fifths Compromise | g. gave states an equal vote in the Senate and a vote based on population in the House of Representatives |
| _____ 8. Virginia Plan | h. agreement that not all slaves would be counted in a state's population |
| _____ 9. Federalism | i. the idea that political authority belongs to the people |
| _____ 10. legislative branch | j. system by which any one branch of government is prevented from becoming too powerful |

II. Short Answer Question:

Why was the Great Compromise acceptable to both large and small states?
