

The First Experiment

"A Bundle of Compromises"

Directions: Using the textbook, provide information about each of the following controversies that happened during the Constitutional Convention and how each was settled. Provide information about what each side in the debate wanted and what compromise was reached to resolve the situation.

	Representation in Congress	Slavery and Representation	Slave Trade
Side 1: Who were they? What did they want?	1: <u>Large States</u> Virginia Plan: Bicameral legislature, Representation based on population	1: <u>Free States</u>	1: <u>Free States</u>
Side 2: Who were they? What did they want?	2: <u>Small States</u>	2: <u>Slave States</u>	2: <u>Slave States</u>
Result: Compromise	_____	_____	_____

	Choosing the President	Ratification of the Constitution	Elastic Clause
Side 1: Who were they? What did they want?		1: <u>Federalists</u>	1: <u>Loose Constructionists</u> Felt that the powers of the national government ought to have the flexibility to meet new and unexpected needs of the nation.
Side 2: Who were they? What did they want?		2: <u>Anti-Federalists</u>	2: <u>Strict Constructionists</u> Feared that any government that has the ability to stretch the powers given to it has the ability to become corrupt and too powerful
Result: Compromise	<hr/>		<u>Elastic Clause</u> The Constitution contains a clause that allows it to extend the powers of the national government to meet unforeseen needs and events