

Unit 7a—The Constitutional Convention

Objective: We can explain the Constitutional Convention and how the Constitution was written.

The Articles of Confederation

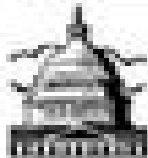
- Weak national government
- No common currency
- No power to tax
- Government had _____ branches

Changes in the New Constitution

- _____
- _____
- _____
- Government had _____ branches
 - Legislative _____
 - Executive _____
 - Judicial _____

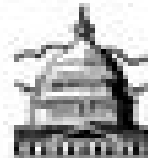
- The delegates agreed on how to change the last weakness in the Articles of Confederation

- How many _____ should each state have in the national legislature?



VIRGINIA PLAN

- Written by James Madison
- Legislative branch had two parts
- Number of votes based on _____
- Government power to _____ states



NEW JERSEY PLAN

- Legislative branch had one part
- _____ vote per state
- Gave more power to _____ states

The remaining issues compromised. The solution was called the Great Compromise.

- Created a _____ house legislature
 - House: The _____, Each state gets _____ votes
 - Senate: The _____, The number of members depends on the _____ of each state.