

***The Founding Fathers: A Reform Caucus in Action***

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1. What does Roche mean when he describes the Constitutional Convention of 1787 as a democratic reform caucus?
2. What was the major political constraint operating during the Constitutional Convention of 1787?
3. What were the interests of some of the states at the Constitutional Convention of 1787?
4. What was the strategy used by the Constitutionalist to get the States Rights people to the Convention?
5. What does Roche mean when he talks about “nationalists” and “state righters” as *a posteriori* rather than *a priori* categories?
6. Were the basic differences of opinion at the Convention of 1787 ideological or structural?
7. Why did Madison entertain a lengthy discussion over the New Jersey Plan?
8. How did the small states apply leverage over the large states to incorporate their basic concerns into the Constitution?
9. Why did Hamilton proposed an elected monarch for life?
10. What was the Brearly Committee on Postponed Matters?
11. Why did the compromise on the election of the president throw an undecided Electoral College election into the House of Representatives rather than the Senate?
12. Describe the compromise over slavery and commerce in the Constitution.
13. List three incomplete projects which were left unresolved by the Constitutional Fathers.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
14. What technique did Patrick Henry use to rally support against ratification of the Constitution?
15. How did James Madison categorically diffuse Henry’s argument against the Constitution?