

Creating the Constitution

-Constitutional Convention-

- The Constitution Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in Independence Hall.
 - 55 delegates from 12states
 - Picked George Washington to be President of the Convention.
 - **Convention Rules**- held their meeting in secret - each state had one vote - a majority was needed to pass any decision.
 - **-James Madison** – Is considered to be the “**FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION**”. Because of his detailed diary he kept of the Convention.
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-Virginia Plan-

- Gov't with 3 branches - Legislative, Executive, Judicial.
- Council from executive and judicial to Veto(refuse) laws made by legislative.
- Bicameral{two-houses} legislature members decided on by a States population.

- New Jersey Plan-

- 3 branches of Gov't too.
- Executive led by one person and Judicial branch would have a Supreme Court.
- Unicameral{one-house} legislature – each state would get one vote regardless of size.

-The Great Compromise-

- Also known as the **Connecticut Compromise**
- 3 Equal branches of Gov't
- Bicameral legislature {Senate & House of Representatives}:
 - 1) **House of Rep** members will be elected by the people - **(Determined by population).**
 - 2) **Senate** members would be elected by the legislatures for 6 years – **(Each state get two senators).**

- Other Compromises-

-Commerce Compromise-

-Commerce Compromise- Congress was granted the power to regulate both Interstate Commerce and international Trade.
Presidency –would be a term of 4years & chosen by Electoral college.

-Three-Fifths Compromise-

-Three-fifths of enslaved Africans will determine the Number of a state's representation. Every 5 slaves will be considered 3 people.

-Slave Trade-

-Slave trade allowed continuing until 1808

-Ratification-

- The word Ratification means to approve.
- The Founding Fathers{Framers} created the new Government, but they now needed the people's Approval{ratification}.

- The Federalists urged for ratification of the Constitution.
 - a) They wrote the Federalists Papers (John Jay, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton) to convince people approve the Constitution.
- The Anti-federalists did not want the constitution approved, until they got a "Bill of Right."
- The Bill of rights{1st 10amendments} was added to the Constitution.

- After 2years the New National Government was launched in 1789, when congress met for the first time in New York to make the Constitution the law of the land.