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RETEACHING ACTIVITY

Creating the Constitution**Reading Comprehension**

Find the missing word or phrase that best completes each of the sentences below.
Write your answers on the lines.

1. In the summer of 1787, representatives of 12 states met in _____
2. The delegates elected _____ as president for the convention.
3. Edmund Randolph offered the _____ Plan, which proposed that government should consist of a legislative branch, an executive branch, and a judicial branch.
4. As an alternative, William Paterson proposed the _____ Plan, which called for a legislature with one house that could regulate trade and tax foreign goods.
5. A committee led by Roger Sherman and other delegates from Connecticut offered a deal known as the _____
6. Each state would have an equal number of votes in the _____
7. Representation in the _____ was set according to state populations.
8. The agreement that a portion of the state's slave population would be counted for taxation and representation was known as the _____
9. The Convention also decided to delay banning the _____
10. In September of 1787, the Convention voted on and wrote down the _____ before sending it to the states for approval.



PRACTICE 3-2

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Directions: Choose the letter of the *best* answer.

Use the quotation to answer question 1.

"Mr. L. Martin contended at great length and with great eagerness that the General [Government] was meant merely to preserve the State Governments not to govern individuals: that its powers ought to be kept within narrow limits; that if too little power was given to it, more might be added; but that if too much, it could never be resumed."

—James Madison, Notes on the Constitutional Convention

1. According to Constitutional Convention delegate Mr. L. Martin, the federal government should

- A. help to preserve the powers of the state governments.
- B. make decisions about individuals.
- C. be given the power to determine taxes.
- D. have the ultimate power in the nation.

2. Small states supported the New Jersey Plan at the Constitutional Convention because

- A. representation in Congress would be based on a state's population.
- B. there would be two houses of Congress.
- C. larger states would have more power in Congress.
- D. it allowed each state equal representation.

3. For the purposes of representation and taxation, enslaved people were counted as

- A. one-half of the population.
- B. two-thirds of the population.
- C. three-fifths of the population.
- D. five-eighths of the population.

4. The Virginia Plan benefited

- A. states with large populations.
- B. states with small populations.
- C. free states.
- D. slave states.

5. The Founding Fathers dealt with the issue of slavery by stating that

- A. individual states should regulate the slave trade.
- B. it should be banned.
- C. all states should be open to slavery.
- D. the slave trade could not be banned until 1808.

6. As set out in the Constitution, which branch of government is responsible for making laws?

- A. the judicial branch
- B. the legislative branch
- C. the executive branch
- D. the Founding Fathers