

Constitutional Convention Compromises Chart-Sample Answers

Directions: As you read “Compromises Made During the Constitutional Convention”, fill in the information in the boxes below

Name	In your own words: What was the Disagreement?	In your own words: What was the Compromise?
The Great Compromise	Over the way the government under the Constitution would be set; smaller states and bigger states wanted representation set up differently. These were called the “the New Jersey Plan” and the “the Virginia Plan.	They created a bicameral legislature (two houses), with a House of Representatives based on population to please the larger states, and a Senate that had equal representation between every state to make the smaller states happy.
The Three-Fifths Compromise	Over how slaves would be counted for representation in Congress and taxation. Northern states and Southern states each wanted the system to favor their own interests.	They decided to count slaves as only three-fifths of their actual numbers for both representation and taxation
The Electoral College	They couldn’t decide how the president should be selected. Ideas included a popular vote and letting Congress decide.	Electors would decide, with each state getting a number of electors based on their population.