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Constitutional Convention

I. After Shays's Rebellion people realized gov. needed change

A. Constitutional Convention to rewrite Articles

II. Representation

A. How many reps would each state get?

1. Large States=Virginia Plan

a. Representation based on population

b. Lg states need more reps because they represent more people

2. Small states=New Jersey Plan

a. Equal number of representatives

b. Small states would be outvoted if larger states had all the reps.

B. Great Compromise

1. Divided legislature into 2 parts

a. Senate- equal number per state

b. House of Representatives- # based on population.

c. Laws need approval by both to pass.

Iii. Slaves as part of population

A. Important point because population determines

1. Representation

2. Taxes

B. Northern states= No slaves

1. Slaves cannot vote, shouldn't be counted for representation

2. Slaves are property, should be counted for taxes.

C. Southern states=slaves

1. Slaves should count for population in determining representation

a. need more reps in House to balance Senate.

b. Slave not have rights nor representation

2. Slaves should not count for taxes.

D. 3/5 Compromise

1. 3/5 of slave population counts for representation & taxes.

IV. Slave trade

A. Northerners

1. Congress should regulate trade

2. Slaves who run away to free territory should be free

B. Southerners

1. Congress should not regulate trade- feared ending the slave trade
 2. Slaves are property and should be returned if they run away
- C. Commerce Compromise- Great "No" Compromise
1. Slave trade allowed to continue for 20 years unregulated.
 2. Run-aways must be returned.