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US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #5 CONSTITUTIONAL COMPROMISES

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

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confederation	Virginia	compromise	delegates	slave

- ☐ 1. The first American government, which was in place during the Revolutionary War and for almost 10 years afterwards, was the Articles of _____.
- ☐ 2. The _____ from the various states each had their own agendas at the Constitutional Convention, and that made it difficult for them to agree on what the new government should look like.
- ☐ 3. The _____ government had no power to levy taxes, which meant that if it needed any money to do, well, anything, it had to ask for money from the states.
- ☐ 4. This idea, a large congress made up of many delegates, was called The _____ Plan.
- ☐ 5. This _____ Plan would prevent smaller states from being dominated by the larger states, and also ensure that the large states wouldn't be able to vote themselves a bigger share of government spending.
- ☐ 6. The Great _____ meant that we would have a two-house legislature.
- ☐ 7. So in terms of counting, each _____ was worth three-fifths of each free person.
- ☐ 8. Those who wanted the Constitution were called _____, largely because of the Federalist Papers.
- ☐ 9. Anti-Federalists felt that _____ would be the best protectors of people's rights and liberties, because being smaller, they would be more responsive to people's needs.
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Directions: Write one thing you think you know about the topic.

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Answer Key

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