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**Newsflash: Creating the Constitution**

**The Task**: Your team is assigned to one of the topics below. Each topic involves one of the major issues of contention involved in the creating of the Constitution. As a team, your job is to research and prepare for a 5 minute “newscast” that will be put on for the rest of the class. You can use any resource to find your information (I recommend using a variety) but the topics are described in the last section of Chapter 7 of our textbook (pp. 183-190). Here are the requirements for each newscast:

* Covers the content listed for your topic below, **highlighting the areas of debate that existed in the Constitutional Congress**
* All group members play a role (either in preparation, presentation, or – ideally – both)
* Should include a mix of visual and oral presentation
* Any **bold** vocabulary terms below should be clearly identified in your newscast
* Should have at least one “in studio” newscaster and at least one reporter “in the field”
* Should include a minimum of one interview with a “real” historical figure
* Be ready to present when class begins on Wednesday – we should be able to fit all four presentations in during that period
* Entertain us!

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| Topic | Structure of the legislative branch | Slavery and representation in Congress | Electing the president/  checks and balances | Ratification |
| Include this content in your newscast – you should collect information form the other groups as they present. | * **Virginia Plan** * **New Jersey Plan** * **Great Compromise** * Bicameral * Senate (structure and how chosen) * House of Representatives (structure and how chosen) * **James Madison** | * Numbers of enslaved people in America * States that allowed slavery * **3/5 Compromise** * Slave importation | * indirect method of election * **Electoral College** * checks on the power of the executive branch * veto * impeachment | * **Federalists** * **Anti-Federalists** * **The Federalist Papers** * Delaware * **Bill of Rights** * George Mason * New Hampshire |