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**Development of the Constitution**

Reading questions

Source: Davis, Kenneth C. (2003). *Don't Know Much About History*. New York: Perennial. (111-119, 126-129)

This reading is roughly equivalent to the last 1/3rd of Chapter 7 in *A People & A Nation*, if you have found the textbook to be a useful source of reading.

Terms:

* Constitutional Convention
* Virginia Plan
* Great Compromise
* Checks and balances
* Federalists
* Anti-Federalists
* The Federalist Papers

Questions:

* What generalizations can you make about the men who were delegates to the Constitutional Convention?
* How does the structure of Congress (as created by the Great Compromise) differ from the structure of Congress under the Articles of Confederation?
* What was the debate over that resulted in the 3/5 Compromise?
* In your view, how *democratic* was the government set up by the Constitution? Consider which parts of the government were actually elected directly by the people.
* How were qualifications for voting determined, according to the Constitution?
* Why was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?