**United States History Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Worksheet: Compromise Makes the Constitution Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions: Read about the conflict in the boxes below. With your group members, come up with a compromise that you think solves the situation.**

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| **Opposing Groups** | **Your Compromise** | **Actual Compromise** |
| **Large States:** We favor representation being based on population. States with more people should have more representatives. People are the basis of government, not states.  **Small States:** We support equal representation for all states. All states should have the same number of representatives to prevent bigger states from over-powering smaller ones. |  | **Great Compromise** |
| **Southern States:** Slaves should be counted in the census because they are property and deserve to be protected. Wealth should count in representation. If not, northern states will try to end slavery and hurt our economy.  **Northern States:** Slaves do not have voting rights, so they cannot be counted in for representation. If wealth is to be counted, then why can’t northerners count their cows in te census? Southern slaves are treated no better than cows. |  | **Three-Fifths Compromise** |
| **Slave States:** We are afraid that a powerful federal government will try to stop us from importing slaves. We lost so many during the Revolution that we need to be able to buy more from Africa.  **Free States:** The Slave Trade is a horrible stain on America. How can we claim to be a nation of liberty and freedom if we are buying humans from Africa? When will we live up to our ideas of freedom and liberty? |  | **Slave-Trade Compromise** |
| **Agricultural States:** A strong federal government should not be able to tax imports (by tariffs) or exports. We make money by selling our products to other countries, who will pay us less if their products are taxed in America. We do not want to pay more to import their products or get less if our exported farm goods are taxed.  **Manufacturing States:** Foreign countries are able to sell their goods cheaply in America and put prevent American businesses from competing. If we don’t tax imports, we will never develop our own industries. Plus, the national government has to have a way to make money in order to pay its bills. Taxes on imports and exports are a way to make that money without taxing Americans directly. |  | **The Commerce Compromise** |
| **Aristocrats:** Ordinary Americans can’t be trusted to vote for the best leaders for the federal government. A President should represent the whole country, not the narrow ideas of a tiny group. Besides, where will ordinary people get the proper information about Presidential candidates? It is best to prevent the common people from having a direct voice in electing the President and have him chosen by a more enlightened body, like Congress.  **Democrats:** The President should represent all, rich and poor alike. We live in a government based on consent of the governed. How can we claim to be a republic if we don’t let the people directly elect their leaders? Without a direct election process, America might as well be a monarchy like England. |  | **The Electoral College Compromise** |