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**Unit 5: Comparing the Union/Confederate Constitutions Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Study the following chart and then answer the questions.**

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|  | **U.S. Constitution (1787)** | **Confederate Constitution (1861)** |
| **States’ Rights** | Forms a “more perfect Union” | Each state is “sovereign and independent” |
| **Three-Fifths Clause** | Three-fifths of slaves would be counted in the population to determine the number of representatives to Congress | Three-fifths of slaves would be counted in the population to determine the number of representatives to Congress |
| **Federal Officials** | Can be impeached by Congress | Can be impeached by the state legislature if the official’s business is within a state’s limits |
| **Veto Powers of President** | Can veto laws | Can veto laws AND specific parts of laws (line-item veto) |
| **Tariffs** | Congress has power to impose tariffs to protect American industry | No protective tariffs are allowed |
| **Internal Improvements** | Congress can regulate commerce (but no specific power to build roads, canals, and railroads) | Congress cannot spend money on internal improvements except on harbors |
| **Slavery** | Not directly protected | Ownership of slaves is directly protected; states cannot stop people from moving their slaves around |
| **Exports** | Congress cannot tax | Congress can tax exports of certain states |
| **Laws** | No regulations on their style or organization | All laws must relate to one subject or problem |
| **President** | Serves a four year term (up to 2 terms) | Serves a single, 6-year term |
| **Amendments** | Can be made by the state legislatures or Congress | Can be made by state legislatures only |

1. What are the biggest differences between the U.S. Constitution and the Confederate one?
2. Is the Confederate President more powerful than the U.S. President?
3. How did the Confederates deal with the problem of slavery?