Essential Question: *How did a new constitution provide a framework for a stronger national government?*

**Main Idea 1:**
The Constitutional Convention met to improve the government of the United States.

- Constitutional ________ held in ____________ in 1787 to improve ____________ of ____________
- ____________ leaders included ____________, ____________, ____________, ____________, and George Washington.
- Goal was to ____________ the Articles of Confederation
  - ____________ decided to create a new ____________

**Main Idea 2:**
The issue of representation led to the Great Compromise.

- ____________ ____________ gave large states more ____________ because it was based on ____________
  - The Virginia Plan suggested ____________ the ____________ government ____________ power and ____________ the government into ____________ branches.
- New Jersey Plan gave ____________ states ____________ representation with ____________ states
- The ____________ ____________ created a ____________ (two house) legislature, where in one ____________ state ____________ determined the number of ____________ and in the other the number of representatives were ____________.
- An upper house—the ____________—provided for ____________ representatives from each ____________.
- A lower house—the ____________ of ____________—provided for ____________ based on ____________ ____________. 
Main Idea 3:
Regional debate over slavery led to the Three-Fifths Compromise.

The South
Wanted _______________ to be _______________ as part of their population

The North
Wanted _______________ counted only to determine _______________ but not for _______________

Three-Fifths Compromise
Delegates _______________ the debate over how _______________ should factor into _______________ in _______________.
They reached a _______________ that allowed each individual _______________ to be counted as _______________ - _______________ of a person.

Main Idea 4:
The U.S. Constitution created federalism and a balance of power.

- Ensured popular sovereignty: idea that _______________ authority _______________ in the _______________.
- Constitution attempted to _______________ the ideals set forth in the _______________.
  - The _______________ protected _______________, the idea that political _______________ belongs to the _______________.
  - _______________ is a system of government in which _______________ of government are _______________ between the _______________ and _______________ governments.
- Required _______________ to obey _______________ of the _______________ government
- Gave _______________ control over _______________ not assigned to the _______________ government

Checks and Balances
- Legislative branch to _______________ the _______________.
- Executive branch to _______________ out the _______________.
- Judicial branch to _______________ the _______________.
- System of _______________ and _______________ keeps _______________ from becoming too _______________.
- _______________ has power to pass bills into _______________.
- _______________ can _______________ laws passed
- _______________ _______________ can strike down _______________ la