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*Drafting the Constitution* Notes

1. What occurred at Shay’s Rebellion? Why was this important?

2. List some of the people that attended the convention?

3. What was the Great Compromise? How did this satisfy both large and small states?

4. What was the Three-Fifths Compromise and what problem did it solve?

5. Congress was given the power to regulate trade, but they could not interfere with slave trade for at least twenty years. Why?

6. Define **federalism**:

7. How did the delegates limit the power of the national government?

8. Fill in the chart below:

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| **Branch of Government** | **Represented by:** | **Power/Responsibility** |
| Legislative |  |  |
| Executive |  |  |
| Judicial |  |  |

9. What does the system of **checks and balances do**?

10. What is the **Electoral College**? Why was it created?

11. The delegates left us a way to make changes to the Constitution. What are these changes called?

12. George Washington said, “I do not expect the Constitution to last for more than 20 years.” How long did the U.S. Constitution last?

13. List some reasons that it might be important to know about the Constitution of the United States.