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SAS Constitution Activity

***Who are they?***

Delegates for a stronger national (federal) government (Federalist)

George Washington, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton

Delegates against a stronger national (federal) government (Anti-Federalist)

George Clinton, Patrick Henry

***Why is it Important?***

Articles of Confederation

First form of government, league of friendship between the states, weak central government

The Critical Period

Timeperiod that determined if the United States would succeed or fail, time period was marked by economic unrest

The Constitutional Convention

Meeting in Philadelphia, purpose was to change the Articles of Confederation, wrote a new form of government (Constitution)

The Virginia Plan

Wanted a bicameral (two houses) legislature (congress), state representation based on population

The New Jersey Plan

Wanted a unicameral (one house) legislature (congress), equal representation for all states

Great Compromise (Connecticut plan)

Created two house legislature, with one house based on population (House of Representatives), and one house based on equal representation (Senate)