

Guided Notes Graphic Organizer: The Constitutional Convention of 1787

I. Background of the Constitutional Convention

- **Date and Location:** May to September 1787, _____
- **Purpose:** To address the weaknesses of the _____

II. Major Issues Discussed

- **Representation in Congress:** How _____ would be represented.
- **Slavery:** How to address the issue of slavery in _____ and taxation.
- **Federal vs. State Power:** Balance of power between _____ and _____ governments.

III. The Great Compromise (Connecticut Compromise)

- **Proposed by:** Roger Sherman.
- **Structure:** Bicameral legislature.
 - **House of Representatives:** Based on _____
 - **Senate:** _____ representation

IV. Ratification Debates

- **Federalists:**
 - _____ of the Constitution.
 - **Key Arguments:**
 - Strong _____ government needed for order and stability.
 - _____ and balances would prevent tyranny.
 - Promised a _____ to address concerns.
- **Anti-Federalists:**
 - _____ of the Constitution.
 - **Key Arguments:**
 - Fear of a strong _____ government infringing on individual liberties.
 - Lack of a _____ to protect citizens' rights.
 - Preference for _____ sovereignty.