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**A More Perfect Union**

1. Why does Madison argue that the Americans need a stronger federal government?
2. They make it clear that Washington should attend the convention. Why do you think they cared about him coming?
3. Why are the British able to take such advantage of the Americans?
4. What is John Adams’s argument about the rebellions in Massachusetts and Virginia?

1. Why did our founding fathers think that the Articles had to be abandoned entirely instead of just amended?
2. The next issue revolved around the idea of suffrage (the right to vote). Under the Virginia plan, what would be the difference in voting rights between states with large populations and states with small populations?
3. Another thing they fought over was slavery. Explain the points of this argument.
4. Small states had a plan to defeat “proportional representation in Congress.” Explain their plan (the New Jersey plan).
5. Georgia votes LAST on this issue. Why did the delegates of Georgia make such a HUGE impact on the large/small state issue? (listen for them to discuss Baldwin and Houston).
6. When they vote again, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ votes YES in much surprise to the rest of the convention. Georgia voted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_. And the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ was told it could not vote because it only had one delegate in the city instead of two. So the compromise passed in favor of the SMALL states. This compromise was called the GREAT COMPROMISE.
7. The GREAT COMPROMISE ended the debate over whether to provide proportional representation to states. Explain the compromise.
8. Why does Colonel Mason from Virginia refuse to sign and ratify the Constitution? Because of Colonel Mason, and several others, what important addition was made to the Constitution?