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Establishing the New Nation
Content Review: Topic 4 Lesson 2:
The Constitutional Convention

Directions: Answer the questions as you read about the Constitutional Convention and its important compromises on pages 117-122. **Answer in complete sentences unless it states to list.**

Level One: Right There Questions: The answers to these questions are stated directly in the text.

1. Who were some of the key people who attended the Constitutional Convention and what were they like?

2. What were some of the similarities and differences between the Virginia and New Jersey plans?

3. What was the Great Compromise?

4. How did the northern and southern states compromise?

5. How did the northern and southern states compromise on the slave trade?

6. What was required for the constitution to go into effect?

Level Two: Putting it together: The answers to these questions are not stated directly in the text. The text gives you some clues, but you'll need your own ideas too.

7. Why were compromises necessary at the Constitutional Convention?

Level Three: On Your Own: Draw from own beliefs and experiences to answer this question.

8. Some historians refer to the issue of slavery as the Constitutional Convention's "unfinished business." Do you think the issue of slavery could have been resolved at the convention? Why, or why not?
