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1. Identify the key features of each of the plans below.

New Jersey Plan

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- _____
- _____
- _____

Virginia Plan

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

2. Complete the chart below by identifying the conflict each compromise settled and the way each conflict was resolved.

| Compromise | Conflict | Resolution |
|--|----------|------------|
| a. Connecticut Compromise | | |
| b. Three-Fifths Compromise | | |
| c. Commerce and Slave Trade Compromise | | |

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Directions: Complete the two charts below in the space provided.

1. Write the key features of the plans below.

| Plan | Features |
|-----------------|----------|
| Virginia Plan | |
| New Jersey Plan | |

2. Complete the chart below. List the conflict each compromise settled and the way each conflict was resolved.

| Compromise | Conflict | Resolution |
|--|----------|------------|
| Connecticut Compromise | | |
| Three-Fifths Compromise | | |
| Compromise on interstate and foreign trade | | |

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Two key constitutional compromises revolved around issues of population and slavery. Study the chart below and answer the questions.

Total State and Slave Population, 1790

| State | Total Population | Slave Population | Percent Slave Population |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Connecticut | 238,000 | 2,648 | 1.11 |
| Delaware | 59,000 | 8,887 | 15.06 |
| Georgia | 83,000 | 29,264 | 35.26 |
| Maryland | 320,000 | 103,036 | 32.20 |
| Massachusetts | 476,000 | 0 | 0.0 |
| New Hampshire | 142,000 | 157 | 0.11 |
| New Jersey | 184,000 | 11,423 | 6.21 |
| New York | 340,000 | 21,193 | 6.23 |
| North Carolina | 394,000 | 100,783 | 25.58 |
| Pennsylvania | 434,000 | 3,707 | 0.85 |
| Rhode Island | 69,000 | 958 | 1.39 |
| South Carolina | 249,000 | 107,094 | 43.01 |
| Virginia | 692,000 | 292,627 | 42.29 |

Sources: *Historical Statistics of Black America; Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*

- Rank the States in order of total population. (1 = largest population, 13 = smallest)

- Rank the States in order of slave population.

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3. In which States was the slave population greater than 15 percent of the total population?

4. In which States was the slave population less than 15 percent of the total population?

5. Which States would have supported the Virginia Plan? Why?

6. Which States would have supported the New Jersey Plan? Why?

Think and Reflect

7. The Connecticut Compromise has been called "The Great Compromise." Do you think this is an appropriate term? Why or why not?

8. The Three-Fifths Compromise has been called "The Sectional Compromise." Do you think this is an appropriate term? Why or why not?

9. Based on the information in this chart, which State would you suppose had constitutional prohibitions, laws, or other plans to make slavery illegal? How do you know?
