

ACTIVITY PACKET 1

Comprehension Questions: Read the *Annotation* section of “Debates Within the Constitutional Convention” (DOCUMENTS) and answer the following questions:

1. Where did the Constitutional Convention take place?

2. Under the Virginia Plan, what would have determined the number of representatives a state would have in the House?

3. Why did New Jersey propose that all states should have an equal number of representatives?

4. What former plan for American government did the New Jersey Plan most resemble?

5. How did the Great Compromise combine elements from both the New Jersey and the Virginia Plan?

Data Collection Questions: Use gishistory.org/projects/representation to answer the following questions:

6. Which were the 4 largest and 2 smallest states in terms of Total Population?

Largest Population States	
STATE	TOTAL POPULATION

Smallest Population States	
STATE	TOTAL POPULATION

7. Based on the data you have just gathered and the information you learned from “Debates Within the Constitutional Convention,” which states do you think would have supported the New Jersey Plan? Explain your reasoning.