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**ACTIVITY PACKET 2**

**Comprehension Questions:** Read the *Annotation* section of “The Three-Fifths Compromise” (DOCUMENTS) and answer the following questions:

8. Why was the Three-Fifths Compromise so controversial?

9. Why was the 3/5<sup>th</sup> Compromise defeated in 1783 under the Articles of Confederation?

10. The 3/5<sup>th</sup> Compromise greatly increased the power of what sort of states?

11. By how much did Southern representation in Congress increase between 1782 and 1790?

12. How did the 3/5<sup>th</sup> Compromise affect Presidential elections in the early 1800s?

**Data Collection Questions:** Use [gishistory.org/projects/representation](http://gishistory.org/projects/representation) to answer the following questions:

13. Which 2 states had the largest enslaved population?

Largest Enslaved Population	
STATE	ENSLAVED POPULATION

14. Based on your observations from the map, in which states do you think slavery was illegal?

Slavery Illegal?	
STATE	ENSLAVED POPULATION

### Calculating the 3/5<sup>th</sup> Compromise

Use Data Entry Forms A & B below to calculate the number of additional seats that Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts would have gained as a result of the Three-Fifths Compromise.

#### Data Entry Form A

Collect the relevant data from the GIS map in order to complete this form.

	TOTAL POPULATION	ENSLAVED POPULATION	FREE PERSONS (Total – Enslaved)	COMPROMISE ENSLAVED POP. (3/5 x Enslaved Pop.)
Virginia				
South Carolina				
Pennsylvania				
Massachusetts				

### Data Entry Form B

Divide the relevant numbers from Form A by 34,650 in order to complete this next form.

Approximately how many seats would each state have in Congress...

	... if Total Population counted for Representation?	... if only Free Persons counted for Representation?	... if Free Persons + Compromise Enslaved Population counted for Representation?
Virginia			
South Carolina			
Pennsylvania			
Massachusetts			

### Data Interpretation

15. Which Congressional representation scenario from Data Entry Form B would have benefited Virginia and South Carolina the most?

16. Which Congressional representation scenario from Data Entry Form B would have benefited Pennsylvania and Massachusetts the most?

17. Why do you think all four states agreed to the 3/5<sup>th</sup> Compromise?