

Ratifying the Constitution



MAIN IDEA: The most important leaders in America arrived in Philadelphia in May of 1787 with varying ideas and plans of government. Throughout that summer, there were heated debates and arguments. Compromises would be necessary if they were to reach an agreement. By the end of the summer, these delegates were able to hammer out the details of the new government. On September 17, 1787, the delegates emerged from the meeting and their ideas were presented to the American public.

1. *What was the Virginia Plan and who designed it?*
2. *What was the New Jersey Plan and who presented it?*
3. *What agreement was reached under the Great Compromise?*
4. *What was the subject of the Three-Fifths Compromise?*
5. *What is the Electoral College? Why was it created?*
6. *Who was Gouverneur Morris?*

7. *How many states had to ratify the Constitution for it to become law?*
8. *Who were the Federalists?*
9. *Why did the Anti-Federalists oppose the Constitution?*
10. *Some groups opposed the Constitution because it did not contain a
_____.*
11. *Which state was the first to ratify the Constitution?*
12. *Which state was the ninth state to ratify the Constitution?*
13. *Which state was the last state to ratify the Constitution?*