

## Fundamentals of Government: The Constitution & Electoral College (Powerpoint)

### I. The Constitutional Convention (1787):

A. Goal:

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### II. Issues that needed to be addressed:

- A. How to fulfill the ideals set forth in the Declaration?
- B. How much power should the federal govt. have relative to the people?
- C. What compromise could be reached between the large/small states and the North/South?

### III. Main ideas upon which the Constitution is based: (EXPLAIN EACH IF YOU NEED TO)

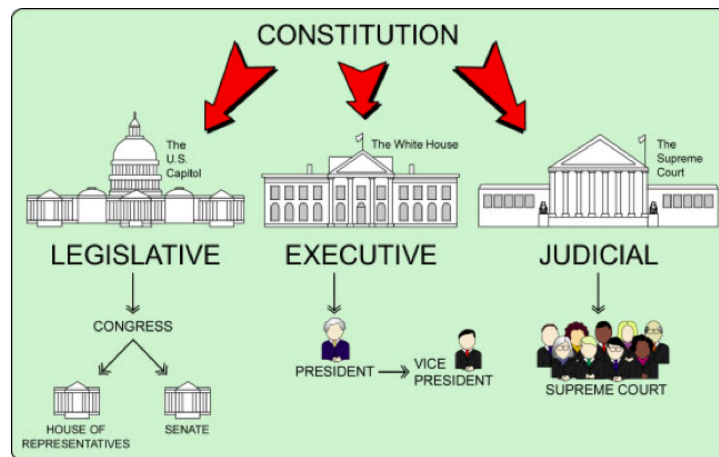
- A. The govt. cannot rule without the people's support and consent.
- B. Government is not all-powerful.
- C. Separation of powers (MEANING?)

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D. Each branch is checked by the other branches.



### IV. Compromise Reached - the Constitution reflected a series of compromises

#### A. The Great Compromise:

- 1. Big states (PA & VA) wanted...
- 2. Small states (RI & DE) wanted...
- 3. Compromise:

- V. The **Electoral College System** - where it came from and why we have it...
- A. The Presidential election is determined on the state level
  - B. People vote within their own state
  - C. Each state then determines which candidate won there
  - D. Each state is worth a particular number of electoral votes. (This number is the total number of congressional representatives and senators a state has.)
  - E. Whichever candidate wins a particular state receives all of that state's electoral votes (A State's Electoral votes ARE NOT SPLIT. Only Maine and Nebraska function differently.)