CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

May 25th, 1787
Pennsylvania State House
Philadelphia, PA
Virginia Plan

✓ Created by James Madison
✓ The plan supported large states and their platforms
Virginia Plan Make-up

James Madison's Virginia Plan

Legislative Branch
Based on Pop. of State or $ given to the Central Gov't

Function of Congress
Create laws

Bicameral system
2 houses
1. Senate

Executive Branch
President

Function of President
Enforce laws

There should only be
1 President

Judicial Branch
Supreme Courts

Function of Judges
Interpret Laws

There should be more than
1 court or tribunal

Function of Congress
Create laws
New Jersey Plan

- Created by William Paterson
- The plan supported small states and their platforms
New Jersey Plan Make-up

William Paterson's New Jersey Plan

- Legislative Branch: States should be equally represented
- Executive Branch: President
- Judicial Branch: A Supreme Court

- Function: Create laws
- Function: Enforce laws
- Function: Interpret laws

- Unicameral: 1 House in congress
- More than 1 President in order to prevent tyranny
- There should be only 1 Supreme Court appointed by the Presidents
Connecticut Plan

- Created by Roger Sherman
- The Great Compromise
- It combined the NJ and Virginia plan.
The Connecticut Plan

Roger Sherman's Great Compromise
The Connecticut Plan

Legislative Branch
Equal Representation and Based on Population

Executive Branch
President

Judicial Branch
A Supreme Court

Function
Create Laws

Function
Enforce laws

Function
Interpret laws

Bicameral system
2 houses in congress
2. House - Based on Pop.

There should only be
1 President

There should only be
1 Supreme Court of the land.
3/5 Compromise

Slavery

- Last Major issue of the convention
- North wanted to abolish slavery
- South wanted to keep slavery
- Solution - Each slave worth 3/5 a person
Ratification of the Constitution

- The Constitution was ratified on September 17th, 1787.
- Only 2/3 of the States needed to sign.
- Eventually all did.
- The men who created the Constitution are known as the “Framers”