



Forming a Government

GUIDED READING STRATEGIES 8.3

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

1. a. The Constitutional Convention was held in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.
b. The Constitutional Convention was held in the White House in Washington, D.C.
2. a. George Washington was elected president of the Constitutional Convention.
b. James Madison was elected president of the Constitutional Convention.
3. a. Women, African Americans, and American Indians were not invited to attend the convention.
b. Representatives from all groups in U.S. society were invited to attend the convention.
4. a. The Great Compromise established three branches in the federal government.
b. The Great Compromise settled the issue of state representation in Congress.
5. a. The Three-Fifths Compromise determined that three-fifths of the slaves in each state could be counted as part of a state's population.
b. The Three-Fifths Compromise determined that large states would provide three-fifths of the soldiers needed for a national army.
6. a. Federalism gives all governmental power to a central authority.
b. Federalism distributes governmental power between a central authority and the states or provinces that make up the nation.
7. a. The three branches of government are the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the congressional branch.
b. The three branches of government are the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the judicial branch.
8. a. The Senate contains two members from each state in the Union.
b. The Senate has 150 members.
9. a. The legislative branch includes the president and the administrative offices.
b. The executive branch includes the president and the administrative offices.
10. a. The system of checks and balances is the federal government's accounting system.
b. The system of checks and balances prevents any branch from becoming too powerful.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, briefly summarize the provisions of the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan.

1. Virginia Plan: _____

2. New Jersey Plan: _____

HAW material copyrighted under notice appearing earlier in this work.