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WORKSHEET 1



Following is a list of the dates of events that led to the development of the Constitution. Next to each date, write the event that took place on that date and briefly describe the event. (The first one is done for you.)

1. 1215: **Magna Carta is signed. The King of England is forced to sign an agreement that limits his powers.**

2. 1295: _____

3. 1620: _____

4. 1643: _____

5. 1689: _____

6. 1754: _____

7. 1774: _____

8. 1775: _____

9. 1776: _____

10. 1781: _____

11. 1787: _____

12. 1788: _____

13. 1791: _____

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WORKSHEET 2



When each side in a dispute gives up some of its demands in order to reach a settlement, that settlement is called a *compromise*. Many compromises were needed to create the final draft of the Constitution. Answer the following questions about the compromises made by the framers of the Constitution.

1. How did the backers of the Virginia Plan want to base representation in Congress?

2. How did small states want to base representation in Congress?

3. Describe the compromise the delegates reached concerning representation. By what name was this compromise known?

4. Name two areas, in addition to representation, where delegates reached compromises.

5. What might have been the result if delegates to the convention had not made compromises?

6. Another compromise was reached during ratification. The Federalists agreed to support a series of amendments to the Constitution. What were the amendments, and why did the Anti-Federalists think they were needed?
