

★ **Reteaching Activity 3**

Creating a Constitution, 1781–1789

The Articles of Confederation produced a weak central government. Struggling with recession and inflation, strained relationships with Britain and Spain, and internal revolts, the U.S. threatened to dissolve. Delegates gathered to determine how to preserve both the union and state independence. The result was the creation of a new Constitution.

DIRECTIONS: Explain how the Constitutional Convention resolved each of the following conflicts during the creation and ratification of the new Constitution.

1. Modification of Articles of Confederation versus new constitution: _____

2. Equal representation for large and small states: _____

3. How to count enslaved people for purposes of taxation and representation in Congress:

4. The existence of the slave trade: _____

5. Limited government and balance of power: _____

6. National government versus state government (Federalists versus Antifederalists):

7. **Critical Thinking** George Washington presided over the Constitutional Convention. His leadership was critical to its success. Identify two qualities of presidential leadership he possessed that are crucial to the success of current presidents.

