

Origins of American Government

Lesson 4 *Creating the Constitution*

A. Main Idea

1. representative, three
2. Virginia
3. New Jersey
4. population, equal
5. Electoral College

B. Main Idea

1. representation, taxation
2. interstate

C. Main Idea

1. Federalists, Anti-Federalists
2. ratified
3. *Federalist Papers*
4. Bill of Rights

Summary and Reflection

Populous states wanted a legislature in which states were represented according to their population, giving more control to states with a large population. Smaller, less populous states feared that they would be dominated by larger states and so wanted a legislature in which each state had an equal number of votes. The goals of the larger states were reflected in the Virginia Plan while the smaller states favored the New Jersey Plan. The Connecticut Compromise combined these two points of view. There would be a two-house legislature, one with representation based on population and the other in which states would be equally represented.