

## How U.S.A. Legislature Came to be

Fill in the blanks using words or sentences, as necessary. The words in these boxes may help you.

legislature	representatives	number	population	Virginia Plan
New Jersey Plan	House of Representatives	Senate	constitution	

### **The Setting**

1. Since the first government of the United States did not work, 55 delegates (from 12 states) met to \_\_\_\_\_
2. The delegates, also called framers of the Constitution, or fathers of the Constitution, debated many topics. Among these topics was how to make laws. The fathers of the constitution wanted to make laws, so they needed a \_\_\_\_\_
3. One key issue in forming a legislature was \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Proposed Plans**

They found two different ways to accomplish this.

4. One plan was called \_\_\_\_\_ and it (*explain the plan*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. This plan benefited which states? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It gave power to (*circle one*) states / people.
7. The other plan was called \_\_\_\_\_ and it (*explain the plan*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. This plan benefited which states? \_\_\_\_\_
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### **The Great Compromise**

10. How did the framers, or fathers of the Constitution, or delegates decide which plan to use? They compromised. In the Great Compromise, the framers used \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Legislature of the U.S.A.**

11. They created a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ parts, called "houses" or "chambers."
12. One house is called \_\_\_\_\_. Here's how representatives to that house are decided:
13. One house is called \_\_\_\_\_. Here's how representatives to that house are decided:
14. With these houses, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ share power.