**Constitutional Convention**

*History Alive!* Textbook, Chapter 8, pages 103-109

**Early Quarrels and Accomplishments**

1. What was the purpose of the Northwest Ordinance?

**Shays’s Rebellion and the Need for Change**

2. How did Shays’s Rebellion help prove that the Articles of Confederation were a failure?

**Opening the Constitutional Convention**

3.  When and where did the Constitutional Convention take place, and what were the conditions like?  
  
4. Who did the delegates' elect to oversee the convention?

5.  List at least 4 qualities that the delegates shared in common.

6. Who is considered the "Father of the Constitution" and why?

7.  Explain the rule of secrecy and why it was created.

8. Define:

a. republic

b. constitution

9. What were the two main issues to be decided at the Constitutional Convention?

**Issue 1: How Should States Be Represented in the New Government?**

10. Create a venn diagram (or a 3 t-chart) that outlines the differences and similarities of the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan.

11. Study the graph on page 109 and consider how your delegate's state's population compares to that of the other state populations. Then, in **one paragraph**, answer the following questions:

1. According to the chart, approximately what is your state's population?
2. Is your delegate more likely to support a system where each state gets equal representation, or a system where state representation is proportionate to its population? ***WHY?***
3. What other states might share your opinion?**WHY?**

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