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**The U. S. Constitution Worksheet**

**Part I: Constitutional Convention Compromises**

Directions: Complete the tables below by comparing and contrasting the opposing viewpoints and identifying the compromise.

**VIRGINIA PLAN THE GREAT COMPROMISE NEW JERSEY PLAN**

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**James Madison William Patterson**

**NORTHERN VIEW THE 3/5’s COMPROMISE SOUTHERN VIEW**

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**Part II: The Constitution**

Directions: Answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper. If you would like to type them, you may. Make sure to organize them with the appropriate heading and question number.

**PREAMBLE:**

1. What are the purposes of the new government?

**ARTICLE I: The Legislative Branch:**

1. Name the two branches of the legislature. What are they jointly called? What qualifications to be a member of each?
2. Who is the chief officer of the House of Representatives? Of the Senate?
3. Describe the impeachment process.
4. How often must Congress meet? Why?
5. Describe the skeletal outline of passing a bill into law?
6. What were some of the powers exclusively held by Congress?
7. Pay special attention to the last clause of Section 8 (clause 18)—the elastic clause. How does this function?
8. How do the election procedures differ for the House and the Senate?

**ARTICLE II: The Executive Branch:**

1. What is the term of office for President and what are the qualifications for the office?
2. How is the President elected?
3. How can a President be removed from office? List the reasons.
4. What are the Constitutional duties of the President?
5. What power does the President share with the Senate?

**ARTICLE III: The Judicial Branch**:

1. How is the judicial power distributed?
2. How long do federal judges serve? Why?
3. What are the exclusive powers (original jurisdiction) of the Supreme Court?
4. What are the appellate powers of the Supreme Court?
5. What is treason?

**ARTICLE IV:**

1. What are the guarantees to citizens of every state?
2. How are new states to be admitted?
3. What is a republican form of government?

**ARTICLE V: The Amending Process:**

1. Describe in detail methods by which the Constitution can be amended. How do these illustrate the principle of federalism?

**ARTICLE VII: The Ratification Process**

1. How is the Constitution ratified?

**WORDS TO KNOW FOR THE CONSTITUTION:**

♦ Enumerated powers

♦ Delegated powers

♦ Implied powers

♦ Advice and consent

♦ Writ of habeas corpus

♦ Bill of attainder

♦ Naturalization

♦ Pocket veto

♦ Ex post facto

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