



Synergy in History:

Are our differences our strengths?

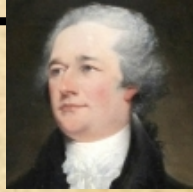
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What is compromise?

- Compromise is an agreement or settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions for each other.
- Believe it or not, compromise is a large part of our lives.
- Decisions, both big and small, are frequently made using compromise.
- Here is a perfect example of the importance of compromise from the show, *The Big Bang Theory*:



Hamilton



vs.

Burr



- Dropped out of King's College to join the Continental Army (**bravery, teamwork**)
- George Washington called him "my boy" (**kindness, sense of meaning**)
- Focused on "big picture" issues at the Constitutional Convention (**perspective**)
- Pushed for unity as a country instead of individual states (**judgment, hope**)
- Often thought of by historians the "creator of the United States" (**leadership**)

- Ran for president of the U.S. against Jefferson (**leadership**)
 - Was a veteran and a lawyer, who shared a practice with Hamilton in 1783 (**bravery, fairness**)
 - Rebuilt his law practice even after gaining the reputation of a traitor (**perseverance**)
 - 1789 - named Attorney general, 1791- was elected U.S. Senator (**leadership**)
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The Feud of Hamilton and Burr (Recap)



- Hamilton and Burr were career-long enemies.
 - Hamilton was an entirely self-made man, whereas Burr was born into wealth and status.
 - Both men were brilliantly educated.
 - The rivalry heated up when Burr tied with Thomas Jefferson in the race for president in 1800.
 - Burr would have won but Hamilton thwarted his attempt to win the election by making a statement that Burr was a “**dangerous man**” who **cannot be trusted** with power.
 - Upon being confronted, Hamilton refuses to take back his statement so Burr challenges him to a **duel**.
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The Importance of Compromise

- Hamilton and Burr meet in the outskirts of New Jersey to have their duel.
- Hamilton fires first, thinking Burr would never shoot to kill, but then Burr shoots Hamilton square in the chest and Hamilton dies the next day.
- Burr is not convicted of killing Hamilton, but is forever labeled the traitor who killed Alexander Hamilton.



****The takeaway here is: Hamilton probably would have survived if he and Burr decided to compromise for the sake of the country. Instead, one died and the other's career was ruined****

The Constitutional Convention

- In 1787, America was trying to decide how it was going to be governed. The Constitutional Convention had 55 delegates from all over the 13 colonies. They all came from different states, from different backgrounds, and with different beliefs of how the United States should be governed.
- Many different factors that were proposed:
 - small states vs. large states
 - slaveowners vs. abolitionists
 - small farmers vs. large farmers
 - rich vs. poor
 - state powers vs. federal powers



Virginia Plan vs. New Jersey Plan

There were two plans presented on how the nation should be governed:



- The Virginia Plan: States with larger populations have more representation in the government / feared smaller states would have too much power in federal government
- The New Jersey Plan: Equal representation for every state no matter what the population was / feared losing power in the federal government

What type of a compromise might you have drawn up?

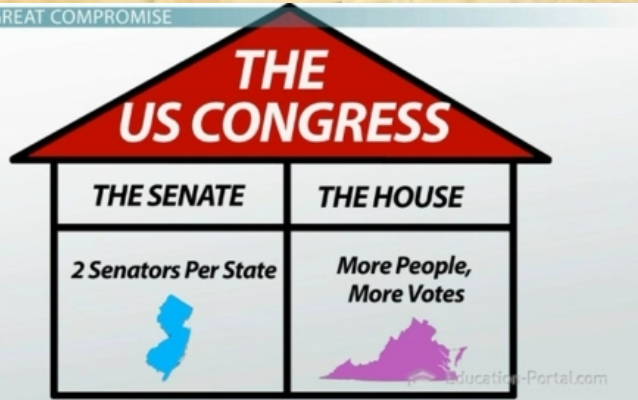
The Great Compromise!!!

The Great Compromise (also known as the Connecticut Compromise) established TWO houses to govern the states instead of one house. You know them best as:

- The House Of Representatives - represent according to population
- The Senate - 2 representatives per state no matter the population

Together, they work as the United States Congress

THE GREAT COMPROMISE



Review of The Great Compromise

Click on the Quizizz below to see what you have learned about The Great Compromise!!

[The Great Compromise Quizizz](#)



The Issue Of Representation was not the only issue at the Convention...

- The video below is a preview to the compromises we will be studying next week! Take mental note of the numerous compromises mentioned and **STAY TUNED** next week for more info!



Connecting the Constitutional Convention to Today

Independent Practice:



Watch the news this week and identify two groups that need to compromise in order for society to move forward positively.
