**Lesson 9: How was the Philadelphia Convention Organized**

Lesson Purpose:

Terms/ Concepts:

Civil discourse

Constitutional Convention

Delegate

Federal system

National government

Proportional representation

**Who attended the Philadelphia Convention?**

1. How would you describe the delegates to the Philadelphia Convention? What prominent political leaders attended?

**What important Founders DID NOT attend the Convention?**

1. What leaders were absent and why?

3. Why did Rhode Island refuse to participate in the Philadelphia Convention?

**What Rules did the delegates adopt for the Convention?**

4. In what ways were the Framers representative of the American people in 1787? In what ways were they not?

**What was the Virginia Plan?**

5. How did the Virginia Plan propose to change the structures and powers of the national government under the Articles of Confederation?

**Lesson 10: Why was Representation a Major ISSUE at the Philadelphia Convention?**

Lesson Purpose:

Terms/ Concepts:

Great Compromise

Three-Fifths Compromise

**What were the DISAGREEMENTS about representation?**

1. What were the major arguments for and against proportional representation of states in the national gov’t?

**What was the NEW JERSEY Plan?**

2. How did the New Jersey Plan differ from the Virginia Plan?

What was the Great Compromise?

3. What were the key elements of the Great Compromise? In what ways did it address the problem of representation, and in what ways did it not?

**What was the significance of the Three-Fifths Compromise?**

4. How did the Three-Fifths Compromise and the census help delegates resolve issues of representation?

**How did the delegates address the representation of new states?**