**Convention Issue Number Two**

*How should slaves be counted?*

As you read 8.7 (page 111) fill in the notes below to understand the next issue facing the delegates of the Constitutional Convention.

The Great Compromise kept the convention delegates working together. But having agreed to base representation in one house of the Congress on state population, the delegates faced a new problem. How should slaves be counted?

By the time of the convention \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tenths of the slaves lived in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Like everyone else the southern states wanted as many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the House as possible. Therefore, the southern states argued that slaves should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the same as any other people in determining representation. However, delegates from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ challenged this idea. Were slaves to be considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a right to be represented in Congress? Or were they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Most northerners agreed that slaves should be counted only as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that could be taxed like any other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And felt that if slaves were to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as people in determining \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Congress then they should be made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and they should be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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*Should slaves be counted as part of a state’s population?*

Option A – Count slaves as property to be taxed like other property.

Option B – Count slaves as people to determine representation in Congress.

Option C – Count slaves as both people for representation in Congress and property for taxation.

Option D – Do not count slaves as either people for representation or as property for taxation.

**Constructed Response:**

(Write your response as if you are the delegate that you are portraying during the convention. Please include a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. Make sure to write in complete sentences.)

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**Compromise?**

Come up with a possible compromise that would please both sides on this issue. Explain why this compromise would work.

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**Resolution: *The Three-Fifths Compromise***

After reading 8.8 complete the following notes.

**Essential Question:** What compromise did the delegates create to resolve the issue of how slaves should be counted in the population?

Answer the following questions:

1. Who proposed the Three-Fifths Compromise? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What were the details of the Three-Fifths Compromise?

The compromise agreed that each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would only be counted as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a person when determining a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ population.

**The Slave Trade**

A dispute over trade raised another question about slavery. To help businesses in the north, northern delegates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ giving Congress the power to control \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the states and other countries. This proposal made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ delegates nervous. They worried that Congress might try to tax southern export crops such as rice and tobacco. Southerners also worried that Congress would use its power over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the slave trade.

Southerners had reason to be fearful. By, 1787, several states had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the slave trade within their boundaries. And a majority of the convention’s delegates favored

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the slave trade completely.

South Carolina and Georgia, however, objected that their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would collapse without a constant supply of fresh slaves. Neither state would agree to any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

that threatened the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trade.

Again, the delegates settled on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Congress would have the power to

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_trade, but with two limitations. First, Congress could not place any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

on exports going to other countries. Second, Congress could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trade for 20 years, or until 1808.

To satisfy southerners, the delegates also agreed to a provision know as the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_clause.” This clause said that escaped slaves had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to their

owners, even if they were caught in a free state.