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# Establishing the New Nation

## Topic 4: Lesson 2 The Constitutional Convention

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### Leaders Assemble at the Convention: Text

1. **Compare and Contrast** Use the graphic organizer below to take notes about the views of Alexander Hamilton and James Madison.

Hamilton	Madison

2. **Determine Central Ideas** What weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation did the Constitutional Convention hope to address?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **Cite Evidence** What was special about the group of men that met at the Constitutional Convention?

4. **Draw Inferences** Why was the Constitutional Convention “shrouded in secrecy”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **Make Conclusions** Consider the men who gathered for the Constitutional Convention. What were the possible strengths and weaknesses of this group?

### **Constitutional Compromises: Text**

6. **Vocabulary: Determine Meaning** What is a *stalemate*? Why did the delegates want to prevent a stalemate in the Constitutional Convention?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. **Draw Inferences** Why didn't the Constitution say that all men were born free and equal?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. **Analyze Interactions Among Individuals, Events, and Ideas** How did the Three-Fifths Compromise affect the institution of slavery in subsequent years?