

# Crash Course U.S. Government - Day 8

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## Word Bank

Articles of Confederation    Congress    Connecticut    compromise    executive  
judicial    New Jersey    Virginia    weak

### 1. Use the word bank to complete the sentences below.

After the Revolutionary war, America was governed by its first constitution, the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. This document had to be changed in 1787 because the  
national government was too \_\_\_\_\_ to govern effectively. It did not have an  
\_\_\_\_\_ branch to carry out or enforce laws made by Congress, or a  
\_\_\_\_\_ branch to settle disputes. Because of this, very little got done.

There were different plans for creating a new national government. Under the \_\_\_\_\_  
plan, states would have proportional representation based on how many people lived there. Under the  
\_\_\_\_\_ plan, all states would have equal representation, no matter their size  
or population. Roger Sherman, from \_\_\_\_\_, proposed a  
\_\_\_\_\_ that satisfied both small states and large states. The new  
\_\_\_\_\_ would have two parts, one with equal representation and the other  
with proportional representation.

### 2. Explain the three-fifths compromise.

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