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Using your Gateway text, Read pages 52-56 and fill in the graphic organizer below.

SS.7.C.3.3: Describe how the Constitution limits the powers of government through separation of powers and checks and balances.

Questions	Answers
1. Why was the convention in Philadelphia originally held?	
2. Who attended the convention?	
3. What did the delegates immediately agree upon?	
4. Look at the Active Citizen section on page 53. Governor Randolph pointed to several weaknesses of the Articles, which one do you think was most important to fix? Explain your answer.	
5. What were the branches of government the delegates decided to set up in the new government?	a. b. c.
6. What English legislative body did the delegates use as a model for their national legislative branch?	
7. What were the two parts of the bicameral Congress called?	a. b.
8. What did the delegates decide to do about a leader for the country?	
9. What important power did the delegates give the new leader?	
10. How did they make sure he couldn't abuse that power?	
11. What was the biggest issue the delegates argued over?	
12. Why would states with large numbers of people living in them, want representation in Congress to be based on the population of a state?	
13. Why would states with small populations feel threatened by this type of representation?	
14. Name a state that would have been pleased with representation based on population.	
15. . Name a state that would have been upset with representation based on population.	
16. What is a compromise?	

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17. How was a final compromise reached to solve the argument over the manner in which the Congress would be set up?	
18. According to the compromise, which part of the new Congress would the larger states feel was to their advantage?	
19. According to the compromise, which part of the new Congress would the smaller states feel was to their advantage?	
20. Why did the delegates set up the electoral college instead of letting the people directly choose the president?	
21. Who would be responsible for choosing the president if no candidate had the support of a majority of the electors in the electoral college?	
22. Look at the illustration in the Gateway book on page 56. The back of Washington's chair has a sun on the horizon. Ben Franklin said at the end of the convention, <i>"I have often looked at that behind the president without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now I... know that it is a rising...sun."</i> Why would Franklin firmly believe it was a rising sun?	

Extension activity:

Look back at the notes taken from the "We the People" Liberty Kids film and identify 5 similarities between the film and the text you just read.

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