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Liberty's Kids: We the People

Standard: C.1.5 Explain the issues involved in various compromises or plans leading to the creation of the United States Constitution

1. Why is Daniel Shays angry? What exactly happened that's getting him arrested? (this is one question phrased two ways)
2. Why does George Washington call the country "the dis-united states?"
3. Why do delegates from the 13 colonies meet in Philadelphia?
4. Why does Madison keep the press out of the Constitutional Convention?
5. Ben Franklin tells the kids that Edmund Randolph of Virginia proposes a new form of government that would get rid of the Articles of Confederation. Madison and Washington are behind it. Describe what this new form of government would look like (very simply).
6. What is the problem with this new form of government? Which two types of states are fighting?

7. What issue do the Southern states want to make sure is kept legal?
8. The kids tell Ben Franklin that they needed to see how things are going at the Constitutional Convention. What list of problems does Ben list and says that the government needs money for?
9. What is Benjamin Franklin's solution in the big states versus small states argument about representation in Congress?
10. What were some arguments about how the Presidency should be structured?
11. Why doesn't the Continental Congress abolish slavery? Why does the North have to compromise? (this is one question phrased two ways)
12. What is Ben Franklin quoting in September 1787, when the delegates are signing the Constitution and after he says he feels confident that the sun is rising on America?
13. Who is the first President of the United States of America and is known as Father of the Country?