

## Handout B: Bundle of Compromises

**Directions:** The Constitution has often been called a “bundle of compromises.” To what extent and in what ways is this description accurate? On several important points it was necessary for the 1787 convention delegates to compromise in order to maintain the union of the states.

Using such resources as <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/themes>, and others as appropriate, summarize at least the following compromises in your response.

- Great Compromise
- Three-Fifths Compromise
- Commerce Compromise
- Slave Trade Compromise
- Election of the President