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## A Recipe for a Republic: Baking Up the Constitution for 4th Grade

Beyond simple dates and names — kids analyze the Great Compromise and the mechanics of the Three Branches of Government through creative problem-solving.

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**1. At the Constitutional Convention, delegates from small states like New Jersey worried that large states would have too much power. Which solution created a 'bicameral' (two-house) legislature to please everyone?**

- A. The Three-Fifths Compromise
- B. The Great Compromise
- C. The Bill of Rights
- D. The Declaration of Independence

**2. True or False: Under the Articles of Confederation, the national government was so weak it did not even have the power to collect taxes to pay for the army.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. The Constitution divides the government into three branches. Which branch is responsible for 'interpreting' the laws to make sure they follow the Constitution?**

- A. Legislative Branch
- B. Executive Branch
- C. Judicial Branch
- D. Military Branch

**4. Benjamin Franklin famously said the convention created 'a republic, if you can keep it.' What is the primary difference between a republic and a direct democracy?**

- A. In a republic, a king makes all the final choices.
- B. In a republic, citizens elect leaders to represent them.
- C. In a republic, laws are never allowed to change.
- D. In a republic, only the wealthiest people can vote.

**5. True or False: The Anti-Federalists refused to support the Constitution until a Bill of Rights was promised to protect individual liberties.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. Which of these events proved to leaders like George Washington that the Articles of Confederation were failing and needed to be replaced?**

- A. The Boston Tea Party
- B. The Battle of Yorktown

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- C. Shays' Rebellion
- D. The Louisiana Purchase

**7. To prevent any one person from becoming a dictator, the Founders created a system where each branch can block or limit the power of the others. This is called \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Federalism
- B. Checks and Balances
- C. The Great Compromise
- D. The Executive Order

**8. The concept of 'Federalism' means that power is shared between two specific groups. Which two groups are they?**

- A. The Army and the Navy
- B. The President and the Vice President
- C. The National Government and State Governments
- D. The U.S. Government and Great Britain

**9. James Madison is often called the 'Father of the Constitution' because he arrived with a specific plan for the new government. What was the name of his plan?**

- A. The New York Plan
- B. The Virginia Plan
- C. The Maryland Plan
- D. The Georgia Plan

**10. True or False: The 'Preamble' is the section of the Constitution that lists the names of every person who signed the document.**

- A. True
- B. False