Section 2 Notetaking Study Guide

Question to Think About As you read Section 2 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **What role did compromise play** in the creation of the U.S. Constitution?

▶ Use these organizers to record key information from the section. Some of the information has been filled in to get you started.

The Constitutional Convention
Issue: How to encourage debate during the convention without public pressure
Solution: Convention delegates voted to hold discussions in secret.
Issue: How to create a stronger national government with more powers than under the Articles of Confederation
Solution Provided by the Virginia Plan: Create a government with branches, and separate into two houses. James Madison authored the plan.
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Issue: How many people should lead the executive branch
Solution Reached After a Vote:
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Issue: How to elect representatives to the two houses of the legislative branch
Solution Proposed by the Virginia Plan: Elect representatives to both houses according to
Solution Proposed by the New Jersey Plan: Give each state vote(s), regardless of its population.
Solution Reached by the Great Compromise: House of would be based on, and states would be represented equally in the suggested The Great Compromise.
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Issue: How to show that the Constitution derived its authority from the people
Solution: Add a preamble that cave "We the "

Gouverneur Morris wrote the Preamble.