



Cooperation and Compromise

During the Constitutional Convention, delegates had to use compromising skills to make the government as fair as they could.

- Divide the class into groups and give each group a set of the **Task Cards** found on the next page. Instruct students to read through the tasks, then work together to decide which group member will be best at each task. Remind students to focus on what is best for the team, not what they personally want to do most. Some students may not want to complete a particular task, but they will need to compromise with their group members to make sure each task gets completed. Consider giving students a time limit to successfully complete the tasks.
- Following the activity, discuss what tasks required compromising, and what the benefits of working together are.
 - **Ask:** What were the tasks your group had to compromise on and why?
 - **Ask:** What are the benefits of working together and cooperating? *Answers will vary, but students should recognize the idea that working together creates an environment for everyone to practice their strengths. When a group successfully works together, they can become stronger.*

Approx. Time



- 30 minutes

Learning Target



- I can flex history into social skills by practicing cooperating and compromising in a group activity.

Big Questions



- What are the benefits of working together and cooperating?

Materials



- Task Cards (next page)

Group Task #1

Find two things that everyone in your group has in common.

Group Task #2

Find one food that everyone in your group dislikes.

Group Task #3

Think of code names for everyone in the group.

Group Task #4

Think of an animal for everyone in the group that best represents them based on personality traits, and write why you chose that animal.

Group Task #5

Write every group member's name next to each other, and number each letter based on where the letter is in the alphabet. Do this for their real name and their code name.

Group Task #6

Design and draw a group symbol/logo that represents everyone in your group.

Group Task #7

Write a poem about your group.

Group Task #8

Find one thing that is different about everyone on your team.