

# Pre-Convention Individual Assignment: State Position Questions

## 1. Government Structure & Key Issues

### A. How Should Congress Work?

- **Your Position:** Should all states get the same number of representatives (equal) OR should bigger states get more representatives (proportional)?

The proportional representation of virginia

- **Why This Matters:** How does this make the government fair and represent people properly?

This matters because Virginia will help the government people.

### B. How Should Government Power Be Split Up?

- **President:** Should there be one president or a group of leaders? How should they be chosen?

By the people of the state court.

- **Federal vs. State Power:** List 2-3 things the federal government MUST control and 2-3 things individual states MUST control

The federal government should control the power of the government and the people of the U.S.

- **Why This Balance:** How does splitting up power prevent tyranny (one person/group having too much power)?

The person of the group of the government courts.

### C. Most Important Issues for Your State Choose the TWO most important issues:

The government courts and the state people

- **Who Has What Power:** How should power be divided between national and state governments?

The power should be divided nationally because if the nation gets the power to do whatever they want to be used poorly but if the state government has the power we get all of the freedom we need to survive in the community world.

- **Individual Rights:** What rights should the Constitution protect for all citizens?

The rights of the U.S. to protect all the people in the world.

- **Economic Control:** Should the federal government control trade between states and taxes?  
I think it should be because so many people can get comfortable with the federal government.
- **How Leaders Are Chosen:** How should we pick leaders and make sure they do their jobs?  
To make great leaders of the state.
- **Protecting Minorities:** How can we make sure the majority doesn't abuse smaller groups?  
To ensure the majority does not abuse smaller groups of the state.

## 2. Political Strategy and Compromise

### NON-NEGOTIABLES

- List 2 basic things about good government your state absolutely must have  
Rights and freedom of the community.

### WILLING TO TRADE

- List 1-2 things you could give up to help create a government that works for everyone  
I could give up so I helped other people with the laws in the state so they can work their life.

### BUILDING ALLIANCES

- Which 2-3 states think about government the same way you do? Why?  
Virginia and the U.S.
- What deals might you need to make to get a Constitution everyone can agree on?  
The deals can be agreed on by the people of Virginia.

### Writing Guidelines:

- **Use specific examples:** Don't just say "trade is important" - explain HOW trade affects your state.  
Trade is important because the government we have are the kind of people that make the laws and the rule of the state.

- **Think like a politician:** You're trying to protect your state's interests, not just write a school report.  
Don't let them take away your rights of the state interests.
- **Be realistic:** Base your positions on your state's actual situation in 1787.  
The state's actual of 1787 is the people that make the laws for the people in virginia.
- **Show your work:** Explain WHY you hold each position, don't just state what it is.  
The position that the state does to help for the community and each position that also does for this world.
- **First Person:** This should be written in the first person present tense. My state wants...  
Our position on...

Virginia first person presents the tense of the state for the people.