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George Washington's Vital Role at the Constitutional Convention of 1787

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. George Washington's experience as a military leader gave him the skills to maintain order, make decisions, and lead discussions effectively, which he applied as the President of the Constitutional Convention.
2. Compromise was crucial in achieving the Convention's goals. An example of a compromise is the Connecticut Compromise, which resolved the debate over representation by creating a bicameral legislature with both equal and proportional representation.
3. George Washington's leadership ensured that the Convention remained focused and civil during debates, ultimately leading to the creation of a strong and enduring nation through the U.S. Constitution.
4. The ratification process involved state conventions voting to approve or reject the Constitution. George Washington used his influence to encourage state conventions to approve the Constitution, helping secure its ratification.

