

Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists viewpoint cards

1. We need to give the states more power so we don't end up in a situation like we were just in. We don't need another British monarchy.
2. We write under the name "Publius" and try to convince others that our constitution is just fine the way it is! We need to ratify it!
3. We think we should create a strong national government and delegate powers. Then, all the powers we don't mention in the constitution can be left up to the states to decide.
4. We think that a functioning government can only work if it's small. We need states to have the most power so that our government doesn't fail.
5. If we don't include a Bill of Rights in our constitution, then it would be too easy for the government to violate individual rights. We must have them included!
6. We've put checks and balances in place to make sure our national government doesn't become too powerful. We won't be like Great Britain.
7. We want a representative democracy, not a direct democracy.
8. It would be impossible for us to write out every protected American right and freedom.
9. A president wouldn't be any better than a king! We know that doesn't work for us!
10. The United States has too much land for a national government to work.