

Ms. Tria
11 AP US History
Project: Great Debates In American History

Assigned: Friday, September 15, 2017
Due: Thursday, September 28, 2017

Great Debate (1787-1789): The Constitution: Should the United States adopt the new Constitution to replace the Articles of Confederation?

<u>The Federalists (In favor)</u>	<u>The Antifederalists (Opposed)</u>
-George Washington	-Patrick Henry
-Alexander Hamilton	-Samuel Adams
-James Madison	-Richard Henry Lee
-John Jay	-George Mason
-John Marshall	-George Clinton
-John Adams	-Robert Yates
-James Wilson	-John Mercer
-Roger Sherman	-Elbridge Gerry
-John Hancock	-Mercy Otis Warren
-John Dickinson	-Thomas Jefferson

Prepare a brief (1 to 2 minutes) position statement (either the Federalist or Antifederalist point of view) from the point of view of the leader assigned to you focusing on whether or not the proposed new US Constitution should be ratified. This position statement will constitute the introduction to your paper. Then your paper must respond specifically to the questions below. You should also keep in mind the issues to consider as you respond to the questions. You must indicate in your paper your leader's argument for each question. Be sure to use the *Federalist Papers* (especially #10) and the *Antifederalist Papers* in your research and position statement. Position statement must be typed, minimum of two pages and works cited attached at back.

Issues to keep in mind:

1. Republican government
2. Federalism (a national gov't superior to state gov'ts)
3. Adequate Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances
4. Congress (2 yr H of R and 6yr S and how elected/by who)
5. The Presidency (selection, term, powers)
6. The Judiciary/Supreme Court (selection, term, powers)
7. The Bill of Rights (necessary or dangerous)

Questions that must be answered in your paper:

1. Need for change. Does the government of the Articles of Confederation need to be replaced?
2. Can a republic govern a large territory and a diverse population?
3. Will the new constitutional government create an aristocratic power?
4. Does the proposed Constitution protect the people's liberty?