

American History-Blizzard Bag #3

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The Federalists and Anti-Federalists

High school American History Content Standard #8

Student name _____

The Federalists favored ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The group included leaders such as Alexander Hamilton and James Madison. They wanted a strong central government, a standing army, and separation of powers. They sought a necessary and proper clause for such things as issuing money.

The Anti-federalists feared a tyrannical government. They thought a national government would be too powerful. They were afraid of a chief executive. The Anti-federalist wanted a bill of rights to be included in the Constitution. The states should retain much of the power. Thomas Jefferson was an Anti-Federalist.

For each of the following points of view, state whether it would most likely be supported by a Federalist or Anti-Federalist.

1. A Bill of Rights was needed in the Constitution to protect the people.
Answer:
2. A strong government and military was needed to protect the nation from foreign attack.
Answer:
3. The nation is too vast to be governed by a single government.
Answer:
4. A president would become like a king.
Answer:
5. A chief executive is needed to command the military.
Answer:
6. The Constitution had many features that prevented the abuse of government power.
Answer: