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Date _____

WHO SAID IT?

Directions: Read each quote and decide which camp would have said it. Then write Federalist or Anti-Federalist in the blank.

_____ 1. —I think those delegates exceeded their authority in creating a whole new government. They were just supposed to work on the Articles a bit.

_____ 2. —What Americans need is a bill of rights, and this new government will not get my approval until we have one.

_____ 3. —I think this new plan will provide a good balance of power.

_____ 4. —Those people want to make the United States undemocratic and get special privileges for a limited few Americans.

_____ 5. —It's obvious that the Articles weren't working, and I think this new plan reflects a careful compromise among a variety of opinions.

_____ 6. —I and my two friends wrote our essays under the name Publius' because we wanted people to be influenced only by the facts.

_____ 7. —If we give too much power to a central government, what's to stop the United States from becoming a monarchy like Britain?

_____ 8. —I think it's important for people to realize that the large size and diversity of the United States will make it impossible for any single group to form a majority that could dominate the government.

_____ 9. —I encouraged the delegates at the Convention to sign the Constitution and I fear that this nation will crumble if the states do not accept it.

_____ 10. —I'm just a simple farmer, but I think those supporters of the Constitution expect to get all the power into their own hands.

Federalists V. Anti-Federalists

Would you support the new Constitution?

Federalists (Liked it)

The federalists believed that the Constitution was necessary. They believed a strong national government would prevent chaos between the states.

- The national government would be able to collect taxes, which would pay for public services.
- The national government would be able to regulate trade, which would prevent fights between states.
- The national government would now have a President, who would represent the whole country instead of individual states.
- There would be a United States currency, instead of each state having their own, which was confusing.
- The federal government could now help states solve disputes since the Constitution created a court system.

Anti-Federalists (Hated it)

The Anti-federalists DID NOT believe the Constitution was fair, because it took away important powers from the states.

- Why was the Constitution drafted in secrecy? The framers MUST be hiding something.
- It was an illegal document since all of the states weren't represented in the Constitutional convention.
- The national government could now collect taxes, which means that eventually they would overtax the states and take advantage of them.
- The national government could now regulate trade, and too much regulation of trade may interfere with capitalism.
- The constitution lacked a bill of rights, which means that they may take away citizen's freedom of speech, religion etc...

Reflection Question: Sometimes someone's occupation influenced whether they were a federalist or an anti-federalist. What kinds of jobs do you think federalists had? Anti-Federalists?
Federalists: _____

Anti-Federalists: _____