

Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists Debate

For the next couple of days in class you will be preparing and getting ready for your debate that will cover the issues between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists and whether to have strong state governments or a strong national government. You will be split up into two groups, one will be the Federalists, and the other will be the Anti-Federalists. Over the next couple of days you will need to research your topic that you are responsible for debating. There will be five topics in the debate that will be split between the group members. You will also be responsible for coming up with an opening statement and a closing statement.

You will give your opening statement for your side and then proceed into the first topic for debate. This will be followed by a rebuttal period by both sides and then we will move onto the next issue. Once we have covered all of the issues you will move onto your closing statement. You will have 3 minutes to make your opening and closing statement, 1-½ minutes to make your argument for your topic and then 1 minute for your rebuttals. Good luck and work together!!

Issues for Debate:

- Taxes
- Representation in Congress
- Commerce/Trading and tariffs
- Ratification of US Constitution
- Articles of Confederation