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**Federalists vs. Antifederalists**  
**(The debates over ratifying [approving] the US Constitution)**

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**Antifederalists**- people who opposed [against] the US Constitution

**Questions???**

**Notes**

What were some concerns surrounding the US Constitution?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The framers of the Constitution knew that the US Constitution would cause controversy.</li><li>• They began to campaign for ratification of the US Constitution</li><li>• The framers suspected that people would believe that the Constitution might take too much power away from the states.</li></ul>
What did the Federalists believe?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federalists supported the US Constitution as it was</li><li>• They supported removing some powers from the states and giving more powers to the national government</li><li>• They favored dividing powers among the different branches of government</li><li>• The Federalist Papers were written to explain why people should approve of the US Constitution</li></ul>
What did the Antifederalists believe?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antifederalists wanted important political powers to remain with the states</li><li>• They wanted the legislative branch to hold more power than the executive branch</li><li>• They feared that a strong government might become a king or tyrant</li><li>• They believed that a Bill of Rights needed to be added to the Constitution to protect people's rights</li></ul>
Why was the US Constitution passed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The US Constitution was finally passed with the creation of the Bill of Rights.</li><li>• The first 10 Amendments to the US Constitution protects individual rights.</li></ul>

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