

The Federalist Papers

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1. *What dangers from foreign influence does Jay write about? How does the new Constitution address those concerns? (Articles 2-5)*
2. *What problems between the states was Hamilton concerned about? (Articles 6-8)*
3. *What were the most compelling arguments as to why the Articles of Confederation was insufficient to preserve the Union? (Articles 15-22)*
4. *In Federalist #10; According to Madison, what is the relationship between faction and liberty? How will the new Constitution address the inevitable faction?*
5. *Many scholars see Federalist #10 as the best explanation of how the Constitution works. Explain why.*
6. *In Federalist #70; According to Madison, what does a strong president provide to a representative democracy? Why does a weak executive create bad government? What is the most necessary quality of a President?*
7. *In Federalist #78; What three issues about the judiciary does Hamilton address? Why must the judiciary remain in office indefinitely?*
8. *In Federalist #85; List the four defects of the Constitution according to Hamilton. Why does Hamilton say the Constitution should be adopted despite its imperfections?*