

Federalist and Antifederalist

Federalist

- Favored new form of government
- Divided power between strong central gov't & the states

Issues of Division

- Power of the Constitution
- States' Rights Protection
- Citizen's RightsProtection

Antifederalist

- Opposed new form of gov't
- Sought greater power for the states
- Demanded a Bill of Rights be included into the

The Federalist Papers

- Series of 85 Essays
- Explained new form of gov't
- Purpose: sway public opinion in support of Constitution
- Authors: James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay
- The Federalist No. 10 defines the republican form of gov't & the process for electing representatives



Antifederalist Writings

- Essays written in response to *The Federalist Papers*
- Felt that new Constitution would take away the liberties Americans had fought to win from Britain