

Making A New Nation

Name _____

Date _____

Research Roadmap

Prepare

1. BEFORE YOU START
Make sure you review the meaning of the key words.
2. LOOK AT THE CASE STUDY
The President of the United States is the head of the executive branch of the government.
3. CHOOSE A TOPIC
Use the TOPIC FINDER to decide on a general topic. Hold a class debate. You and your classmates will take the position of a Federalist or an Antifederalist.
4. RESEARCH
Explore your topic using the RESEARCH LINKS.
5. PREPARE
Write your point of view on index cards. Rehearse debating why you would be either for or against ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Present

Think of at least three questions you might be asked after conducting your debate. Discuss what your answers might be. Good luck!

Key Terms

Articles of Confederation The first plan of government of the United States. It gave more power to the states than the central government.

Great Compromise The plan drawn up by Roger Sherman at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. It proposed the establishment of two houses of Congress.

amendments An addition to the Constitution

Bill of Rights A formal statement of rights and liberties guaranteed to the people by a state

legislative branch The lawmaking part of government

Key Questions

1. Describe the group that you picked for your side of the debate.

Where did the group live? _____

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When did the group live? _____

Predict: How will the person from your side of the debate defend his or her position?

2. What are the reasons for defending this position?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Where did you find background information for the person whose viewpoint you are debating?
