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**Essential Question: Why did Americans carry on a vigorous debate before ratifying the Constitution?**

**Main Idea 1:**

**Federalists and Antifederalists engaged in debate over the new Constitution.**

**Federalists**

- Supported \_\_\_\_\_
- Desired \_\_\_\_\_ central \_\_\_\_\_
- Liked \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in Constitution
- Made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ advocating \_\_\_\_\_ in government

The Federalists and Anti-federalists		
Position on the:	Federalists	Anti-federalists
Constitution	In favor	Against
Articles of Conf.	Abandoned	Amended or fixed.
Power of the States	Curb power of states by a central government.	States power is highest.
Bill of Rights	Saw no need, state constitutions already gave a bill of rights.	Lack of a bill of rights was a threat to liberties.
Size of the Republic	Large was best	Small was best
Who supported	Majority was wealthy, but common citizens also.	Small farmers & debtors.

**Antifederalists**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Constitution
- \_\_\_\_\_ felt that the \_\_\_\_\_ government had been \_\_\_\_\_ too much \_\_\_\_\_.
- Concerned about lack of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ became Antifederalist over \_\_\_\_\_ issue

**Main Idea 2:**

**The Federalist Papers played an important role in the fight for ratification of the Constitution.**

- *Federalist Papers*: series of essays \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
- Written anonymously by \_\_\_\_\_, John Jay, and \_\_\_\_\_
- The *Federalist Papers* calmed \_\_\_\_\_ by saying that the \_\_\_\_\_ would not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Federalist Papers* tried to \_\_\_\_\_ Americans about the new \_\_\_\_\_ government created under the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stated that the \_\_\_\_\_ would not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
- Widely \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ around the country; \_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution \_\_\_\_\_



## Battle for Ratification

- Each \_\_\_\_\_ needed to \_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution.
- All states except \_\_\_\_\_ held ratification conventions for \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss and \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was the first state to \_\_\_\_\_, in 1787, and \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_, in 1790.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_, but finally ratified.
  - Political leaders knew these \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_, since \_\_\_\_\_ had the largest population in the nation and \_\_\_\_\_ was an important \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Main Idea 3:

Ten amendments were added to the Constitution to provide a Bill of Rights to protect citizens.

- Several states \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ only after the \_\_\_\_\_ of a bill protecting \_\_\_\_\_ rights.
- Congress responded by passing a \_\_\_\_\_ to be added to the \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ became the first \_\_\_\_\_ amendments to the Constitution upon \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ in December 1791.
  - Gave a \_\_\_\_\_ example of how to \_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution to fit the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ nation
  - Flexibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ has allowed it to \_\_\_\_\_ for over \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - The Bill of Rights used the \_\_\_\_\_ introduced in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It ensured the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ rights so that the \_\_\_\_\_ listed in the Declaration of Independence would be \_\_\_\_\_.

