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**Essay Assignment: Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists**

**Background:**

The Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia in 1781 produced a document that would change the US government in major ways. Although the US Constitution still serves as the basis for our system of government today, many in 1787 did not readily accept it. Two camps emerged to debate the usefulness of the Constitution and although the ratification of the Constitution served as a victory for one camp, both arguments are still present in today’s society.

**Assignment**:

**Write an essay in which you:**

1. **Identify and explain the key arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists concerning the new government proposed at the Constitutional Convention.**
2. **Explain which group had the *stronger arguments*. You must explain your answer using specific examples from the Constitution, as well as ONE modern day example that illustrates your point.**

***Criteria for Success:***

A successful essay is on that has:

- Introduction that “sets the stage” for the question and has a clear, strong, specific thesis statement that argues a clear position

- Concrete, specific historical evidence to support the argument

- Clear topic sentences introducing the main idea of each body p.

- Strong concluding sentences that tie evidence back to the thesis

- Specific quotes from sources

- Conclusion that revisits the argument, connects it to the broader

historical context, answers the question, “So what?”

***Requirements:***

* 3 pages
* Typed, double-spaced
* 12 pt. Times New Roman font
* Stapled, proper heading (name, block, date), no extra spaces between paragraphs
* 1 inch margins, numbered pages, creative and relevant title

***Due Date Calendar:***

Detailed Outline:

Final Draft: