

# Reading Notes: Ratifying the Constitution

Use pp. 234-237 to answer the following:

<b>Federalists and Antifederalists:</b>	
1. How did Federalists feel about the Constitution and who were their leaders?	2. How did Antifederalists feel about the Constitution and who were their leaders?
People who supported the constitution took the name Federalists. They were led by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay	People who opposed the Constitution were called Antifederalists. They were led by George Mason and Patrick Henry.
<b>The Federalist Papers:</b>	
1. What were the <i>Federalist Papers</i> ?	
Written by Madison, Hamilton, and Jay, the <i>Federalist Papers</i> described why people should support ratification of the Constitution.	
<b>Federalists vs. Antifederalists: Chart p.235</b>	
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<b>FEDERALISTS</b>	<b>ANTIFEDERALISTS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported removing some powers from the states and giving more powers to the national government</li> <li>• Favored dividing powers among different branches of government</li> <li>• Proposed a single person to lead the executive branch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wanted important political powers to remain with the states</li> <li>• Wanted the legislative branch to have more power than the executive</li> <li>• Feared that a strong executive might become a king or tyrant</li> <li>• Believed a bill of rights needed to be added to the Constitution to protect people's rights</li> </ul>
<b>Battle for Ratification:</b>	
1. How many states needed to ratify the new Constitution?	
2. Why did some delegates, like George Mason and Patrick Henry, refuse to sign the final document?	