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**Federalists and Anti-Federalists Notes**

Why were Americans hesitant to give a lot of power to the central government as they created their new social contract? (Think about what kind of government they had just broken away from.)

They felt that a strong central government would make it easier for a tyrant to emerge and abuse

power, much like what happened with the King of England.

**Ratify:** to approve, officially make valid

**Federalists:** favored a stronger central government

**Anti-Federalists:** thought the central government was still too powerful and opposed ratifying the constitution.

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| FEDERALISTS | ANTI-FEDERALISTS |
| * Typically wealthier men that owned property | * Typically poorer farmers * Opposed a strong central government for *3 reasons*  1. Having a powerful central government would be an “invitation to tyranny” 2. A lot of state’s power would be taken away 3. There was no Bill of Rights to protect individual freedoms |

Look at the picture of the Constitutional Convention. Who is left out? Name as many groups of people as you can?

• Landless men

• Women

• Slaves, African-Americans

• Native Americans

Describe the typical person that the Constitution represented…

White male property owners age 21 or older

The country required agreement from 9 of 13 states to ratify the Constitution.

**3/5ths Compromise:** Slaves were counted as 3/5ths of a person

What did the Federalists do to get states to agree to ratify the Constitution?

Federalists promised to add a Bill of Rights to get states to agree

THE CONSTITUTION IS RATIFIED…explain the agreement that Federalists and Anti-Federalists came up with. What did the Federalists get? What did the Anti-Federalists get?

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