When the leaders of the United States realized the Articles of Confederation needed revising, everyone had an opinion on how the government should be established and where the power should lie. While writing the Constitution two major parties developed: Federalists and Anti-Federalists, each believing the nation should be run according to their plan. The following questions will prompt you to consider both parties and their beliefs on how to form the new government. At the end you will be required to write essay outlining how the powers of the government are divided and how each party feels about the outcome.

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I would propose next that in addition to the present federal powers, the **national Government** should be armed with positive and complete [complete] authority in all cases which require uniformity; such as the regulation of trade, including the right of taxing both exports & imports, the fixing the terms and forms of naturalization, &c &c.

James Madison to George Washington, April 16, 1787

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1. Who wrote this statement? Who was he writing to?

2. What type of powers does the author believe the national government should "be armed with positive and complete authority"?

3. What are two examples of the powers?

4. Does the author support or oppose the Constitution?
After such a declaration, what security does the Constitution of the several States afford the liberty of the press and other invaluable personal rights, not provided for by the new plan?—Does not this sweeping clause subject everything to the control of Congress? In the plan of Confederation of 1778, now existing, it was thought proper by Article the 2d, to declare that each State retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence, and every power, jurisdiction and right, which is not by this Confederation expressly delegated to the United States in Congress assembled.

George Bryan
Originally printed in Freeman’s Press October 24, 1787

5. Who wrote this article? In what publications was it originally printed? When was it originally printed?

6. What rights were not provided for in the new plan [the Constitution]?

7. If these rights were taken away, everything will be subject to the control of which group?

8. What did the states retain under the Articles of Confederation?

9. Does the author support or oppose the Constitution?
10. Which group was supported by the “rich”? Which group was supported by the “poor”?

11. Which group supported a strong federal government?

12. Which group wanted the states to have more power?

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13. In which states were most of the Federalists located?

14. In which states were most of the Anti-Federalists located?

15. What were the first three states to ratify the Constitution? Were these states considered Federalists or Anti-Federalists?

16. Why do you think it took Virginia and New Jersey so long to ratify the Constitution?
1. Did the federal government have more power under the Articles of Confederation or the Constitution?

2. What about the Articles of Confederation caused problems for the United States?

3. What are 5 differences between the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution?

4. Would the Federalists support the Articles of Confederation or the Constitution? Explain.

5. Would the Anti-federalists support the Articles of Confederation or the Constitution? Explain.
Final Question:
Write a 5 paragraph essay answering the following question. Use at least 3 examples from sources above to support your answer.

Explain why the Framers of the United States Constitution ultimately decided to give more power to the Federal government rather than the state governments, be sure to include the Federalists and Anti-federalists views of the outcome.