

ATTACHMENT 3C

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Pre-Seminar Questions

1. Who wrote this article? When was it written?
2. What are the three different views of the Founding Fathers that are described on page 20?
3. Using Black's article, as well as what we've learned about the Articles of Confederation, why would a nationalist view be "radical" in 1787?
4. Which of these views of the Founding Fathers is studied and taught most frequently?

Seminar Discussion Questions

1. What does Black mean in the paragraph on page 21 when he says, "...but sometimes, when the wind blows through the flag just right, we *feel* it might be so."?
2. What data was used to evaluate "The Framers as Aristocrats"? Do you believe these facts are well-known and ignored, or just not taught? Explain your answer.
3. What is your opinion of the Roger Sherman quote on page 22, "the people immediately should have as little to do as may be about the Government. They (lack) information and are constantly liable to be misled."?
4. In your opinion, why do you believe Americans "forget" that the Founding Fathers were politicians?
5. What would happen today if a politician announced they wanted our government to become communist in nature? How does this compare to nationalism and the Founding Fathers?
6. What facts does Black use to support his argument that the Constitution did not establish democracy in the US?
7. How would you compare the traditional ideas of the Founding Fathers with the quotes found on page 48?

Post-Seminar Assignment

Think about all of the arguments, ideas, facts, and documents we have examined in the past few lessons. Using those, and the seminar discussion today, you will write a 5-paragraph essay on the creation of the US Constitution. Your essay will focus on the following question: **Why was the US Constitution written?** Think about:

- The Articles of Confederation
- Primary and Secondary Sources
- The Constitutional Convention

How would you explain the reason for the creation of the US Constitution? Choose an argument, and at least **3 specific points** to support your argument. Your paper should look like:

- Introduction and Thesis Statement
- 3 Body paragraphs
- 1 conclusion paragraph

This paper will be added to your final portfolio, which will be a project grade. You need to use complete sentences and correct grammar.