The Federalist Papers – Arguments for the Ratification of the New Constitution

Answer the following questions on your own sheet of notebook paper.

Questions on Madison's Federalist Number 10

1. According to Madison, what are factions? What are the causes of factions?

2. According to Madison, what is the purpose of government?

3. Where do the rights of property originate?

4. What is the most common and durable source of faction?

5. How could we cure the "mischiefs of faction," according to Madison? Why are these remedies worse than the disease, according to Madison?

6. What is Madison's solution for controlling the effects of factions?

7. What is a republic, what is a pure democracy, and how do they differ?

8. How does a republic inhibit the effects of factions, according to Madison?

Questions on Madison's Federalist Number 51

9. What are the three branches of government?

10. Which branch did Madison think would be the weakest?

11. Which methods does Madison suggest to check the powers of government?

12. How is the separation of powers between the three branches assured?

13. Give two examples of the "checks and balances" in the U.S. constitutional system.

14. Which branch appears as an exception to the separation of powers norm? Why is this exception not dangerous?

15. What is federalism?

16. According to Madison, what are the two great advantages of federalism?

17. What is the "end" (supreme goal) of government?

18. What is Madison's view of human nature and how does it affect his prescriptions for the republic?