

THE DEBATE OVER RATIFICATION

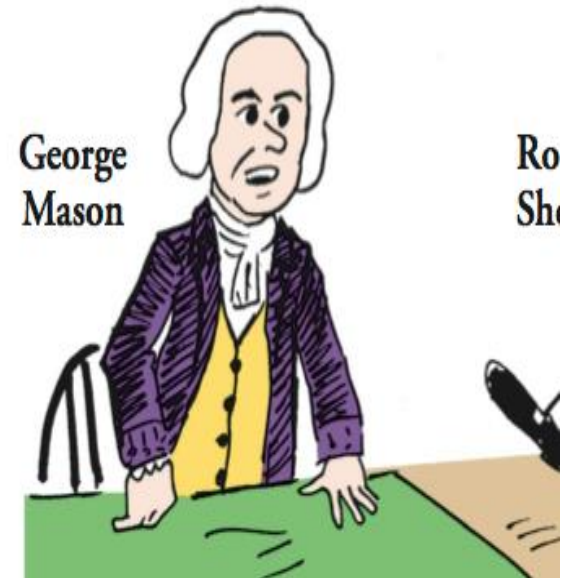
- **Anti-Federalists - opposed the new Constitution.**

- Included Patrick Henry and George Mason

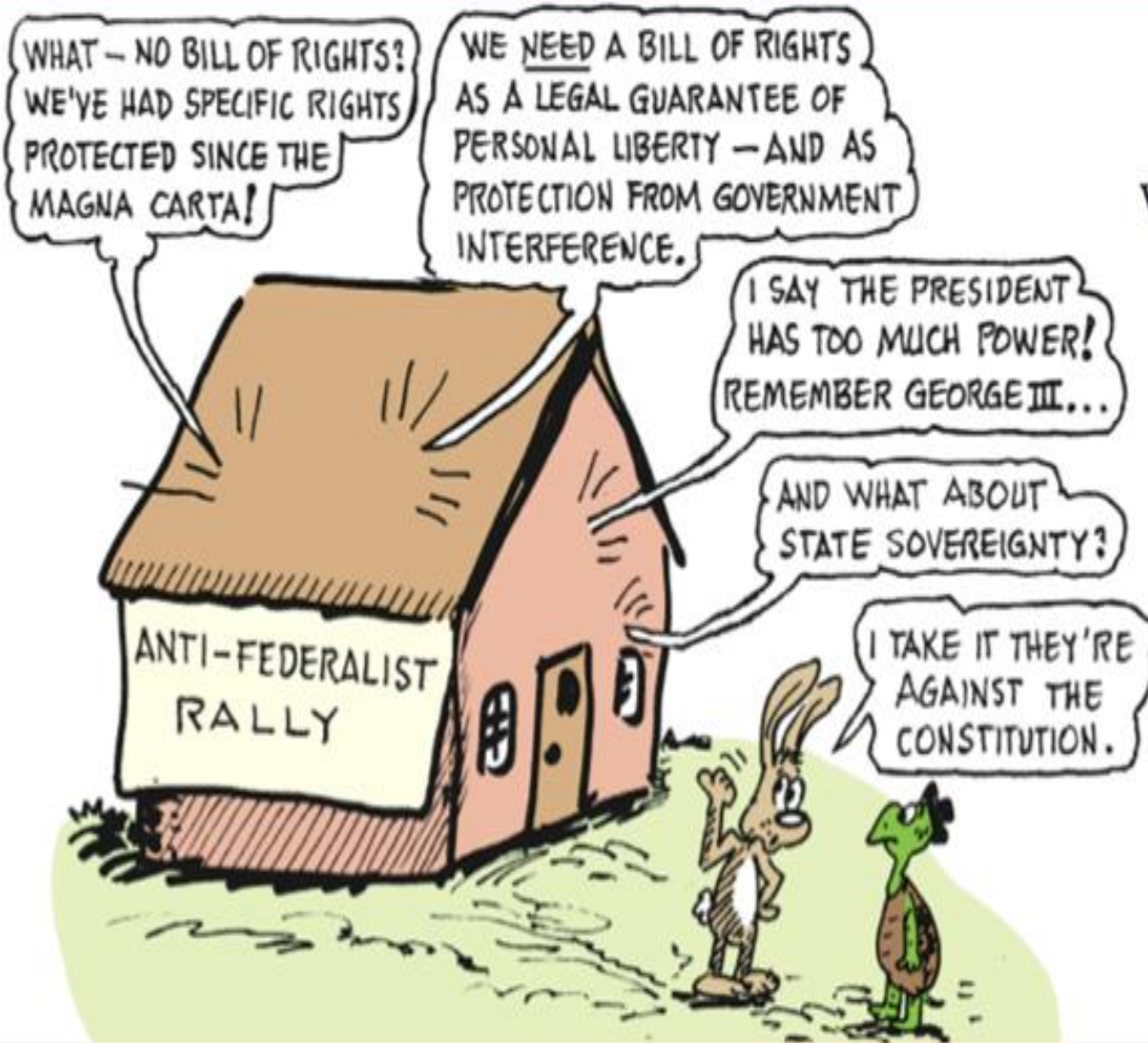
- **Did not want a strong federal gov't, believed that the power should lie with the state governments.**

- Demanded a Bill of Rights be added to protect individual liberties.

I THINK THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD HAVE A BILL OF RIGHTS. I CAN WRITE ONE IN NO TIME. REMEMBER, I WROTE THE ONE FOR VIRGINIA.



ANTI-FEDERALISTS



Anti-Federalists included George Mason, who helped write the Constitution, Patrick Henry, and Richard Henry Lee—all from Virginia.

was a bill of rights needed
in the constitution?

*What Bill
of Rights,
anyway?*

Bill of Rights

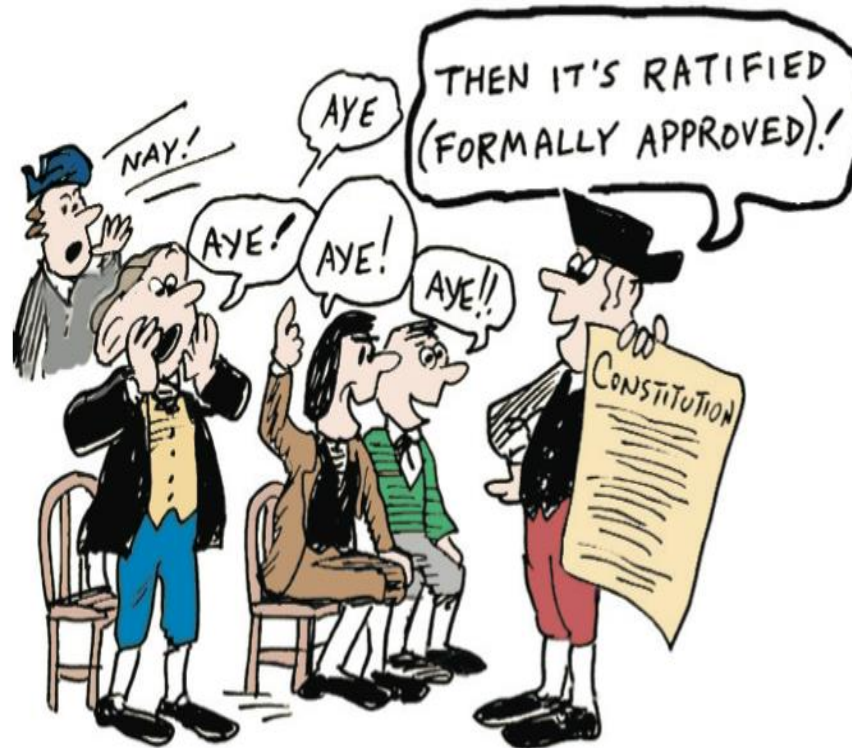
—
a list of rights
guaranteed under
the Constitution
such as the
freedoms of
speech,
assembly, and
worship.

Did the Constitution give too much power
to the federal
government? Would including a Bill of

Ratification – to approve something as a law

- To obtain the necessary votes for ratification, **Federalists promised to add a Bill of Rights,**

V On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution, making it the supreme law of the land—
by the supreme authority of the people themselves, not the states.



I say, we need a
new Constitution.



Federalist

No, let's amend
the Articles of
Confederation.



Anti-Federalist

Supporters of the Constitution

called themselves

Federalists

They believed in the ratification of the new federal Constitution.



Anti-Federalists!

Citizens who **DID NOT** support the Constitution called themselves

Anti-

Federalists



A strong
national
government is
needed to save
the country
from financial &
political ruin.



Federalists v. Anti-Federalists
Graphic Organizer (*use pg. 353 in
textbook*)

&

James Madison History Head
(*use pg. 351 in textbook*)

Make a Connection!



Turn and Talk:

If only nine of the thirteen states were needed to pass the new government, why was it important that **ALL** states support the Constitution?