

Writing Assignments

1.) After completing “Social Studies Weekly”, Week 1 successfully, write a three paragraph essay that answers the following question:

- *Which of the seven natural regions of the United States would you like to visit and why? Use specific descriptions of each region from the article to support your answer.*

Refer to the Writing Rubric (There is a link to it on our “Writing” page)

2.) Complete Social Studies Text Unit 7 Lessons 1-3. Print the pages and write your answers directly on the pages, or you might want to write you answers on lined paper. Make sure you write the question number and page number next to your answers if you use lined paper.

3.) After completing lessons 1-3, complete the following activity:

Keep in mind, after the Constitution was written, it had to be ratified by the states. There were many who worried that the new federal government would be too powerful.

- *Read the following passages and create a poster either supporting ratification of the Constitution (Federalist) or against ratification (Antifederalist).*

Federalists

Federalists believed in a strong national government. They believed that the national government should be more powerful than the states. Why? Federalists believed that a strong national government would make it possible for the states to work together. Also, a strong national government would make the United States as powerful as other large countries like France and Britain. In order to be more powerful, the national government had to be able to tax the American people. They believed the national government needed to make trade laws that all states would have to obey. The Federalists believed that the national government should be in charge of all the country’s military troops. They believed that the national government should be in charge of all the treaties with other countries. A strong national government would make the new United States of America a strong and important country.

Antifederalists

Antifederalists believed that a strong national government was dangerous. They remembered what it was like when the American colonies were part of Britain. The strong government in Britain tried to force the American colonies to pay taxes. That is why Americans had fought in the American Revolution. They fought against the tyranny of the British government. The Antifederalists wanted to protect individual rights, and they believed that individual states would do a better job of protecting the rights and liberties of the people. Antifederalists believed that a strong national government would take the rights and liberties away from the people, just as the British government had done before the American Revolution. They did not want to give up the state's power to a new national government.