



The Federalist Papers: Worksheet

Worksheet (Approx. 1-2 pages) for students to use after watching the video/reading the post/being taught by the teacher.

This can be anything. A group activity, questions to answer, an essay or discussion prompt, matching quiz, etc. How would you test the students understanding of the topic?

While You Watch

1. Why was a Constitutional Convention called in 1787?
2. What did Anti-federalists believe?
3. What was the main goal of the Federalist Papers?
4. What government body often references the Federalist Papers today?

Short Answer

5. What was the significance of the Federalist Papers when they were first published? What is their significance today?
6. Why is it important that we have a resource for understanding the original



meaning of the Constitution? In what situations might it be necessary to reference documents like the Federalist Papers?

7. *Short Essay Prompt:* Research a Supreme Court case besides *Marbury v Madison* in which the Federalist Papers were referenced. Detail the background of the case, summarize the essay that was referenced, and explain why that particular essay was used in the case and what impact it had on the Court's decision.