

Federalist Papers: 14
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All of these Federalist Papers are so confusing! How will I ever make this speech tomorrow? I wish I could go back in time and have Madison explain it to me himself.



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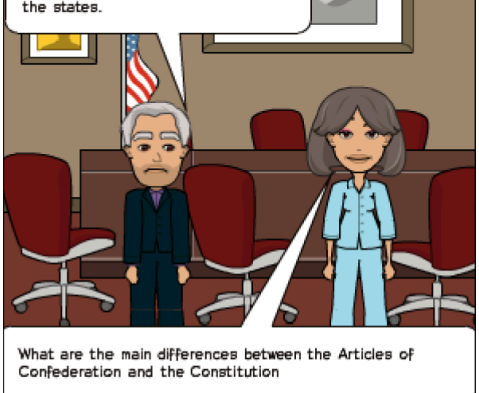


James Madison is that you?

Yes, it is. I am here to help you understand the Federalist papers. Let's start with number 14! Do you have any questions?




The Articles of Confederation created a sense of disunity among the states.



What are the main differences between the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution

Their biggest fear was a tyrannical federal government so the state governments held more power. The states were each other's enemies.



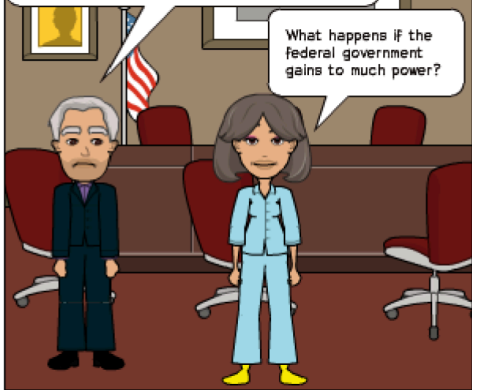
Wow that sounds terrible!

As terrible as it seems, we can't really blame them. It was only the first try of government after the Revolution.



I guess all forms of government have some flaws

You're absolutely right. The Constitution isn't even perfect but we created it so it can be changed as society progresses.



What happens if the federal government gains too much power?

Hopefully that won't happen. In an orderly society, the government must have limited power. That's why we added Article 1 Section 8 into the Constitution.



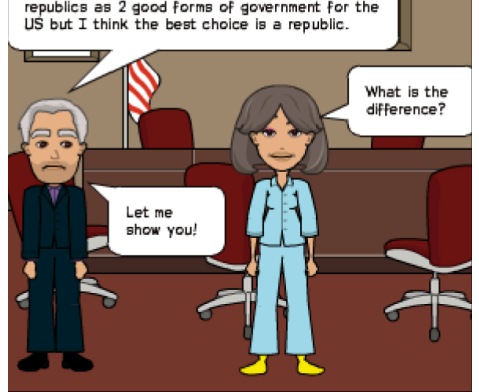
What's that?

That's the part where the powers of the federal government are clearly stated.



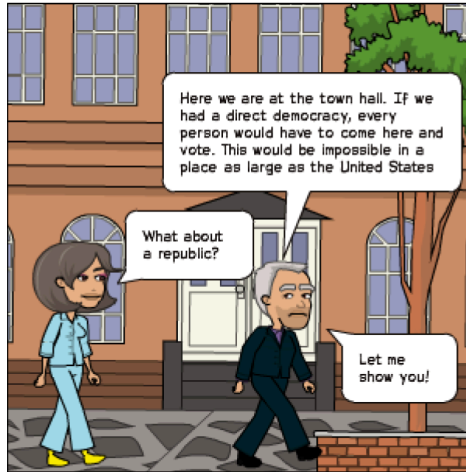
What do you think is the best type of government for the United States?

People think about direct democracies and republics as 2 good forms of government for the US but I think the best choice is a republic.



What is the difference?

Let me show you!



Here we are at the town hall. If we had a direct democracy, every person would have to come here and vote. This would be impossible in a place as large as the United States

What about a republic?

Let me show you!

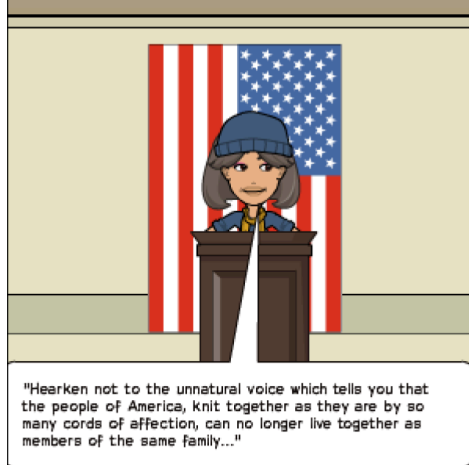
Thank you so much for all your help. I finally understand!



With a republic, each state would elect representatives and send them to the capitol, instead of every individual voting. This might be hard for distant states, but they need the most government aide because they are most vulnerable. But, with the growing infrastructure, travel will be easier.



What a great dream! I'm so ready for this speech!



"Hearken not to the unnatural voice which tells you that the people of America, knit together as they are by so many cords of affection, can no longer live together as members of the same family..."