

The Federalist Papers

Read Federalist Papers 10, 47, and 51. Answer the following questions:

Federalist 10

1. What is the topic of this paper?
2. Who wrote this paper?
3. What are factions?
4. What are the causes of factions?
5. What is the primary object of government?
6. Where do the rights of property originate?
7. What is the most common & durable source of a faction?
8. How could we cure the “mischiefs of faction”? Why are these remedies worse than the disease?
9. What is the solution for controlling the effects of factions?
10. What is a republic? What is a pure democracy? How do they differ?
11. How does a republic inhibit the effects of factions?

Federalist 47

12. What is the topic of this paper?
13. Who wrote this paper?
14. What principle of government is supposedly being violated by the Constitution?
15. What is the “very definition of tyranny”?
16. What is the name of the French political scientist that Madison cites in this paper?
17. Why are the separate branches of the British Parliament not considered independent?

18. Why is the government set up by the Constitution different than that of Britain?

19. What does Madison point out about the constitutions of the various states?

Federalist 51

20. What is the topic of this paper?

21. Who wrote this paper?

22. What are the 3 branches of government?

23. What branch is the weakest?

24. What methods can be used to check the power of government?

25. How is the separation of powers between the 3 branches assured?

26. What branch appears to be an exception to the separation of powers norm? Why is this exception not dangerous?

27. What is federalism?

28. What are the two great advantages of federalism?

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

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

General Questions about all of the Papers

31. What was the purpose of the Federalist Papers?

32. Why are all of the papers signed Publius?