

Constitutional Test
Short Answer Review Questions

Everyone should practice answering this question

Read the attached newspaper article and then explain what parts of the Constitution relate to the issues raised by the author. Describe the relationship to historic arguments between Federalists and Anti-Federalists and states and the federal government.

Work with a partner or small group to brainstorm answer your assigned question first

A. Legalization of marijuana is a divisive issue. What level of government (federal, state, or local) is most appropriate for deciding on legalization and regulation? Explain why and the role of the other levels of government should take in this issue.

B. If you were President, would you nominate a judge to the Supreme Court who believed more in states rights or one who would give the federal government broad powers to set policy? Why? What constitutional value does your position express? Explain.

C. Of the six philosophical differences between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, which one do you have the strongest opinion about? Describe your position and describe evidence using the issues we have discussed in class (e.g. Ferguson, abortion, street law, school desegregation)?

D. What article or amendment to the Constitution (including the Amendment) has had the greatest impact on the history of our country? Explain the reasons for your choice using historic and current events.

E. Just prior to the Constitutional convention, Shay's Rebellion shook the country and shaped subsequent decisions by our founders. Today, the protests in Ferguson have created a national debate about police powers, racism, poverty, federalism, and freedom of speech. What does this say about democratic government in the United States?