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# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

The Constitution created a new, stronger government that replaced the Confederation.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

American liberties are protected by the U.S. Constitution and a Bill of Rights.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Antifederalists** people who opposed ratification of the Constitution

**federalism** system of government in which power is shared between the national (or federal) government and the states

**Federalists** people who supported ratification of the Constitution

**The Federalist papers** ratification essays published in New York newspapers

**Bill of Rights** first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**majority rule** a system in which more than one half of a group holds the power to make decisions binding the entire group

**amendment** addition to a document

### REVIEW

**Parliament** Britain's chief lawmaking body

**Enlightenment** 18th-century movement that emphasized the use of reason and the scientific method to obtain knowledge

## ▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the circles to compare the positions of Federalists and Antifederalists.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R8.

**COMPARE AND CONTRAST**

Federalists	Antifederalists

*both*

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