

Federalist or Anti-Federalist Sort

HANDOUT

Can you tell the difference between the opinion of a Federalist and an Anti-Federalist? Cut and paste the boxes below into either the Fed or Anti-Fed column.

Fed	Anti-Fed

The system of checks and balances will prevent representatives from abusing their power for personal gain.

The United States is too big for republican government to work.

The people will not know their representatives.

A large republic will help protect against the dangers of factions by making it harder for any one group to dominate.

Elected representatives will be chosen by the people and will be accountable to them through regular elections.

The representatives will abuse their power to enrich themselves and their supporters.

The powers of Congress over taxation are too unlimited.

Holding elections every two years strikes a balance between stability and accountability, allowing representatives to govern effectively while still answering to the voters.

