

Anti-Federalist Paper No. 47:

1. What was the pen name used by the author of this essay?
2. One of the author's reasons for opposing the new government is that, according to him, John Adams has studied every government known to man, but has never found what?
3. The author gives two reasons why this form of government works better in England than it would in America. What are those two reasons?
4. He states that a republican form of government can only exist under what conditions?
5. The author claims that this new constitution is the most daring attempt to do what?
6. Each representative was to represent how many people under the proposed government? Does the author feel this is adequate?
7. What are his first two complaints regarding the Senate?
8. By the nature of what the author writes regarding the Senate, would the author support, or be opposed to the concept of 'term limits'?
9. He argues that the President would merely be a figurehead, unless he did what?
10. In his concluding remarks, the author suggests that the chief improvement to government, in modern times, has been what?

Answer Key

1. Centinel
2. A single instance of such a government
3. They have a powerful hereditary nobility, and real distinctions of rank and interests
4. If the body of the people are virtuous, and property is equally divided
5. Establish a despotic aristocracy among freemen, that the world has ever witnessed....
6. 30,000; No, he feels that there will be too few representatives.
7. The smallest states have equal power as the biggest states; the Senate will have too much influence over the Executive branch.
8. He would be in favor of term limits.
9. Unless he coincided with the views of the Senate.
10. The separation of powers (placing legislative powers in different hands than those that control the executive).