The Federalist Papers: Federalist Paper No. 10

1. When was Federalist Paper No. 10 first published?

2. In Federalist Paper No. 10, James Madison refers to "the mischief of faction". He defines "faction" as a group of citizens who are united by what?

3. What two methods does he suggest can be used to cure the mischief of faction?

4. What are the two methods of removing the cause of the faction?

5. Madison states that abolishing liberty would be as foolish as doing what?

6. He then states that as long as the reason of man continues to be fallible, and has the liberty to exercise that faulty reason, what will continue to happen?

7. As part of his justification for a Republic, Madison claims that true democracies are usually turbulent and incompatible with personal security. He then states that these democracies usually have short lives and what?

8. He argued that there had to be a lot of representatives in a republic, for what reason?

9. Yet, he then said the number of representatives had to be LIMITED for what reason?

10. He then states that the representatives should be chosen by whom?

11. Madison then suggests that if you enlarge the number of electors by too much, what happens to the representative?

12. Madison states that republics have a clear advantage over democracies in doing what?

Answer Key:

1. November 22, 1787
2. By a common impulse of passion, or of interest…
3. Removing its cause, or controlling its effects
4. By destroying the liberty which is essential to its existence; Or, by giving to every citizen the same opinions, the same passions, and the same interests.
5. To wish the annihilation of air.
6. Different opinions will be formed.
7. Violent deaths.
8. In order to guard against the cabals of the few.
9. In order to guard against the confusion of the multitude.
10. By a greater number of citizens (the largest number of people possible)
11. Representatives will be too little acquainted with local circumstances and lesser interests.
12. In controlling the effects of faction.