

AP U.S. Government Worksheet: Federalist No. 39

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Background

Federalist No. 39, written by **James Madison**, explains the nature of the new Constitution and argues that the proposed government is both **republican** and a blend of **national** and **federal** principles.

Vocabulary

Directions: Define each term in your own words.

1. Republic:

2. Federalism:

3. National Government:

4. Popular Sovereignty:

5. Ratification:

Reading Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. According to Madison, what makes a government "republican"?

2. Why does Madison reject the claim that the Constitution creates a purely national government?

3. How is the Constitution both **federal** and **national**?

4. Who ultimately holds political power in a republic according to Madison?

5. Why is the process of ratification important to Madison's argument?

6. How are members of the House of Representatives chosen?

7. How were senators originally selected under the Constitution?

8. What role do the states play in the new government?

State vs. Federal

Place each feature in the correct column.

Feature	State	Federal	Both
House of Representatives elected by the people	_____	_____	_____
Senate originally chosen by state legislatures	_____	_____	_____
Constitution ratified by the people of each state	_____	_____	_____
President elected through the Electoral College	_____	_____	_____
Federal laws apply across the nation	_____	_____	_____

Short Analysis

Respond in 3–5 complete sentences.

Prompt: Why does Madison believe the Constitution creates a government that balances state and national power?
