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ratification

the action of signing or giving formal consent to a treaty, contract, or agreement, making it officially valid

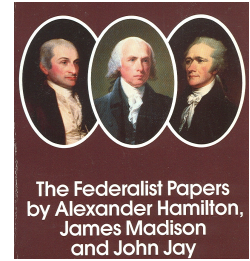


Example: The ratification process called for nine of the 13 states to accept the constitution before it became effective.

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Federalists

supporters of the proposed Constitution who wanted a strong central government



Example: The Federalists published a series of articles to convince the American public to support the new constitution.

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Antifederalist

people who opposed the ratification of the Constitution in 1789 over concern of states' and individual rights



Example: The Antifederalists were not as well-organized as the Federalists.

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