

Suggested Questions for Raising Levels of Cognition

Social Studies 7th Grade The Constitution

LITERAL LEVEL:

- ❖ When were the Articles of Confederation drafted?
- ❖ In the drafting of the Constitution, there were two groups working against each other, the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. Who were well-known Federalists?
- ❖ Who were well-known Anti-Federalists?
- ❖ Which of these two groups finally prevailed when the Constitution was written?
- ❖ When was Shays' Rebellion?

INTERPRETIVE LEVEL:

- ❖ What reasons were given to draft the Articles of Confederation?
- ❖ What was the main argument of the Federalists?
- ❖ What was the main argument of the Anti-Federalists?
- ❖ What was the main argument that brought about Shays' Rebellion?

ANALYTICAL LEVEL:

- ❖ Why did the founding fathers believe that the Articles of Confederation needed to be replaced?
- ❖ Why was it so important for all of the states to ratify the Federalist demand for a strong central government?
- ❖ If Shays' Rebellion had been successful, how would this have affected the federal government's power?
- ❖ In our modern political system, legislators pass laws that can raise taxes on goods and services. Explain how this power is a direct effect of the Federalists' victory in designing a strong central government.
- ❖ In your view, in what ways can a monarch or dictatorship be more effective than a republic or democracy? In what ways is it more ineffective?