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CONSTITUTIONAL ERA DEBATES

There were several heated debates during the Constitutional Convention and afterwards throughout the ratification process. Students will create a dialogue between at least two individuals from one of the following debates:

* Debate over structure of legislative branch and representation (Small states vs. Large States)
* Debate over slave trade and slaves as population (North vs. South)
* Debate over ratification (Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists)

*Requirements:*

* Minimum of 200 words (300+ Honors)
* Be creative---but more importantly, be historically accurate---get the essence of the debate into the dialogue
* Use your textbook and/or iPad for background research
* Write the dialogue in a “play” format…for example:

Alexander Hamilton: I hate your hypocritical, agrarian policies!

Thomas Jefferson: You are a pompous tool of the wealthy!

* Remember to “set the scene” using a narrator at the beginning of the dialogue to talk about background information such as where the dialogue is occurring, when, who is involved, and what they are talking about.

Use the space below to write notes and/or the dialogue.

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