Developed by three lawyers and founding fathers for the people of New York, the Federalist Papers helped sway the vote to ratify the Constitution.  There are 85 essays that separate issues and explain how liberty and freedom can exist with a strong central government.  Without time to get into all of them, we'll focus on three (3) three specific essays to get the flavor.

Federalist Papers

Review the following from your reading:

* The Federalist No. 10 by James Madison (paragraphs 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 15 and 22):  pages 783-785
* The Federalist No. 51 by James Madison:  pages 785-787
* The Federalist No. 78 by Alexander Hamilton (paragraphs 7, 8, 13 and 16):  pages 787-790

Or you can view them electronically at [The Avalon Project at Yale Law School](http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/federal/fed.htm).

Answer the following questions:

* Federalist 10:
  + What is a faction?  Where in modern American politics do we see factions?
  + How does Madison propose to quell the impact of factions in government?
* Federalist 51:
  + What are the two ways that Hamilton or Madison felt that there could be a check and balance system in the federal government (paragraphs 2 and 6)?
  + Paragraph 8, sentence 4 is an extremely compound, confusing sentence.  Yet, it holds much of the significance of the essay.  What is the subject of this sentence?  Rewrite the sentence by removing the superfluous words, while still explaining the majority/minority breakdown of power.
* Federalist 78:
  + How did Hamilton envision the strength of the judicial branch of the government?
  + Where should the government, especially the judicial branch, yield its power?
  + In your opinion, has the judicial branch effectively yielded its power?  Support your answer.