Oral Presentation

Directions: Fill in the blank lines with the information required. Your job is to pretend that you are the person on your card and argue for or against the ratification of the Constitution based on your personal beliefs.

“Good afternoon gentlemen, my name is ____________________ and I would like to talk to you today about why we (should/should not) __________ ratify the Constitution as it is being submitted today, January 15, 1787.

First of all, I (liked/did not like) _______________ The Articles of Confederations because I believe that the (national government/states/people) ________________ should have the most power to make decisions about (taxes/commerce/laws/etc.) _________________. Furthermore, I think that the Constitution gives (too much/the right amount/not enough) ________________ power to the federal government. I am (satisfied/disappointed) ________________ that the Constitution gives the power of (cite the Constitution) ________________ to the US Congress. I believe that it is important to (give/not give) ________________ the states the power to ________________ because ________________.

In closing let me say that, in order to make this country truly great and powerful we must (cite your primary document) ________________

_______________________________.

And if we give the (states/national government) ________________ too much power we will end up (fighting against each other/losing our personal freedoms) _________________. Thank you and good night.”