

Resource Sheet #7

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.”