I. Ratifying the Constitution

A. Article VII of the Constitution says 9/13 must ratify Constitution for it to take effect

B. Federalists

- In support of a new Constitution to replace the Articles
- Included Nationalist who wanted a stronger nat't gov't
- Wrote essays and articles in support of the Constitution

C. Antifederalists

- Some wanted a different version of the Constitution
- Most believed the Constitution betrayed the Revolutionary cause
 - >Especially regarding taxes and the president
- Feared local and state authorities would be overpowered by fed.

D. Why the Federalists Won

- Many people believed the Articles were a failure
- The Federalists were united for the cause, while the Antifeds. Had many different factions
- Feds were well organized
- Feds had the support of George Washington