Warm-Up Quote Analysis #1

“Mr. President: I confess that there are several parts of this Constitution I do not at present approve, but I am not sure I will never approve them; for having lived long I have experienced many instances of being obliged by better information, or fuller consideration, to change opinions even on important subjects which I once thought right, but found to be otherwise… On the whole, Sir, I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of the Convention who may still have objections to it, would with me, on this occasion doubt a little of his own infallibility, and to make manifest our unanimity, put his name to this instrument.”
 – Benjamin Franklin

1. Who is Mr. President?
2. What is Franklin saying about the Constitution?
3. What prediction can you make about the ratification process based on Franklin’s quote?

Warm-Up Quote Analysis #2

“A consolidation of this extensive constitution under one government (under the Constitution of 1787) cannot succeed, without a sacrifice of your liberties.”

1. Is the author of this quote a Federalist or an Anti-Federalist?
2. What is that author referring to in this quote?
3. Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Why?

Warm-Up Quote Analysis #3

“A bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse or rest on inference.”

1. Is the author of this quote a Federalist or an Anti-Federalist?
2. What is that author trying to say about the Bill of Rights?
3. What does the author mean by a ‘just government’?