

UNITED STATES HISTORY
SECTION II
Part A
(Suggested writing time - 45 minutes)
Percent of Section II score - 45

Directions: The following question requires you to construct a coherent essay that integrates your interpretation of Documents A - H and your knowledge of the period referred to in the question. High scores will be earned only by essays that both cite key pieces of evidence from the documents and draw on outside knowledge of the period.

1. Discuss the effects of the development of national unity, or lack thereof, on the political, geographic, and economic growth of the new American nation from 1780 - 1810. To what extent did national unity develop during this time period?

Use the documents and your knowledge of the time period in constructing your response.

Document A

Source: Joseph J. Ellis, <i>Founding Brothers</i> , Chapter Two Jefferson assured [Monroe] that he too f
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Document B

Source: Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Brothers*, Chapter Two

Hamilton also took note of the implicit secessionist threat in contained Virginia's statement. It was, he warned, "the first symptom of a spirit which must either be killed or will kill, the Constitution of the United States." Back in September of 1787, just as the Constitutional Convention was completing its business, Hamilton had made a prediction: the newly created federal government would either "triumph altogether over the state governments and reduce them to an entire subordination," . . . or "in the course of a few

years . . . the contests about the boundaries of power between the particular governments and the general government . . . will produce a dissolution of the Union.”

Document C

Source: Alexander Hamilton, *The Federalist Papers* No. 84, McLEAN’s Edition, New York

To the People of the State of New York:

IN THE course of the foregoing review of the Constitution, I have taken notice of, and endeavored to answer most of the objections which have appeared against it. There, however, remain a few which either did not fall naturally under any particular head or were forgotten in their proper places. These shall now be discussed; but as the subject has been drawn into great length, I shall so far consult brevity as to compare all my observations on these miscellaneous points in a single paper . . .

. . . A minute detail of particular rights is certainly far less applicable to a constitution like that under consideration, which is merely intended to regulate the general political interests of the nation, than to a constitution which has the regulation of every species of personal and private concerns. If, therefore, the loud clamors against the plan of the convention, on this score, are well founded, no epithets of reprobation will be too strong for the constitution of this State. But the truth is, that both of them contain all which, in relation to their objects, is reasonably to be desired . . .

Document D

Source: David M. Kennedy, et al, *The American Pageant*, Twelfth Edition