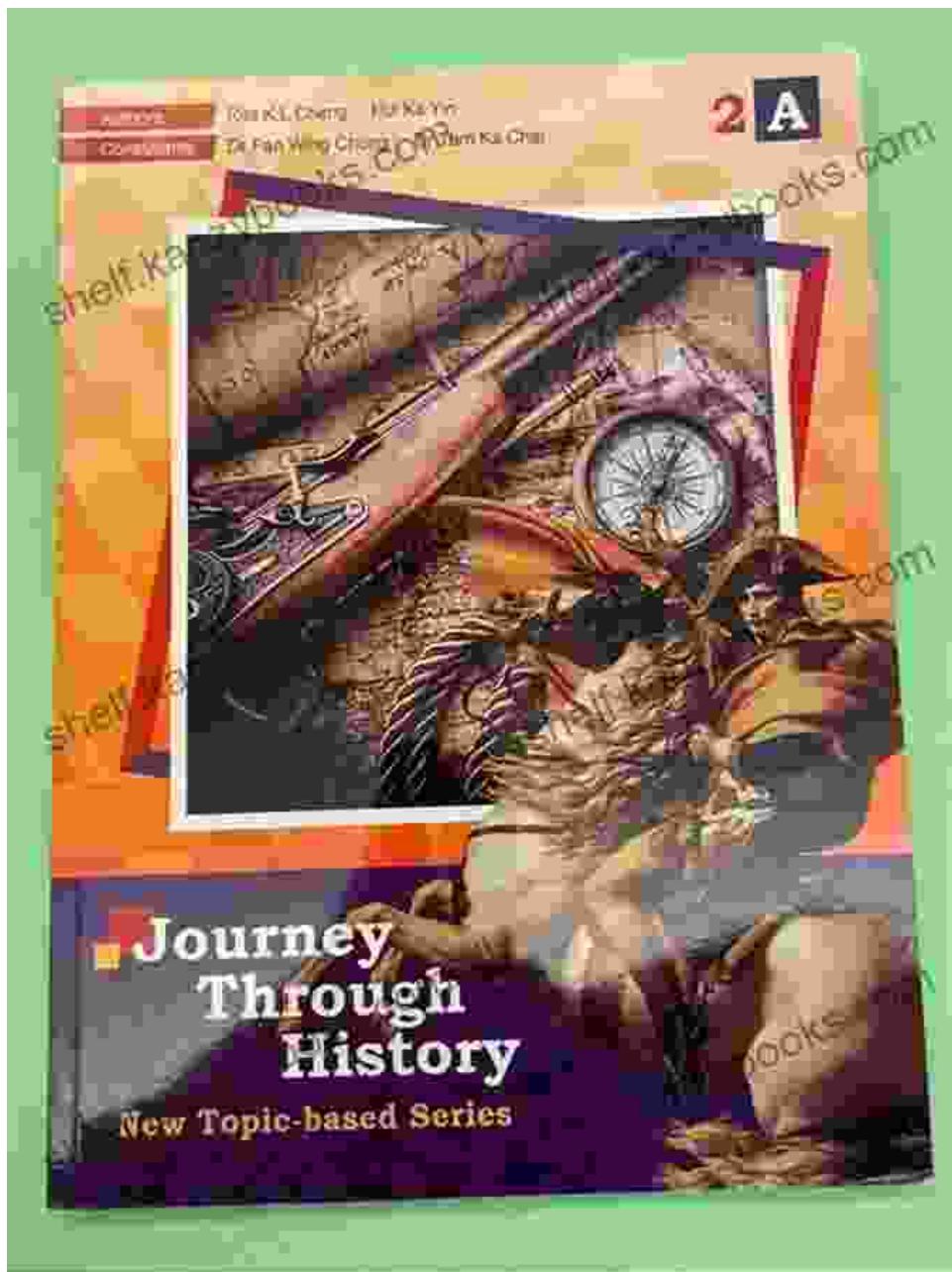


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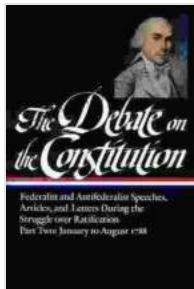


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## **The Federalists**

The Federalists were a group of delegates to the Constitutional Convention who supported a strong national government. They argued that a strong central government was necessary to protect the country from foreign invasion and to promote economic growth. The Federalists were led by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay.

## **The Anti-Federalists**

The Anti-Federalists were a group of delegates to the Constitutional Convention who opposed a strong national government. They argued that a strong central government would be too powerful and would infringe on the rights of the states and individuals. The Anti-Federalists were led by Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, and Richard Henry Lee.

## **The Ratification Process**

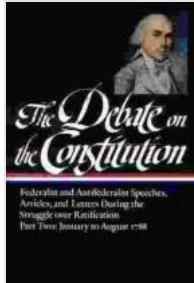
The Constitution was ratified by the states in a series of conventions. The first state to ratify the Constitution was Delaware, and the last state to ratify the Constitution was Rhode Island. The ratification process was contentious, and there were many debates over the meaning of the Constitution and the powers of the national government.

## **The Bill of Rights**

The Bill of Rights is a set of ten amendments to the Constitution that were added in 1791. The Bill of Rights protects individual rights, such as freedom of speech, religion, and the press. The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution in response to concerns from the Anti-Federalists that the Constitution did not adequately protect individual rights.

The debate over the Constitution was a long and contentious one, but it ultimately resulted in the creation of one of the most important documents

in American history. The Constitution has served as the framework for the American government for over two centuries, and it has been amended only 27 times. The Constitution is a testament to the enduring power of American democracy.



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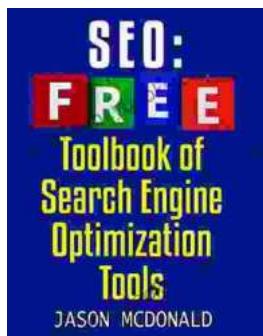
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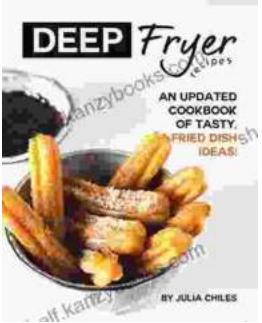
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