

Federalist 10: Outlining the Argument Answer Key

As you read through Madison’s argument in *Federalist 10*, fill in the blanks to answer each question. As you fill in the blanks, think about the reasons underlying Madison’s argument, and jot down any questions that you may have about it.

What is the “dangerous vice” of republican government that needs a remedy?

Faction [some students may define or describe what a faction is here]

What are the two general ways of “curing” this problem?

Removing the causes of faction

Controlling the effects of faction

What are the two ways of removing the causes of this problem?

Destroying liberty

Giving everyone the same opinions, passions, and interests

Why does Madison reject the two ways of removing the causes?

Destroying liberty would be a “remedy that is worse than the disease”

Giving everyone the same opinions/passions/interests is not possible

What are the ways of controlling the effects of this problem?

The republican principle of majority rule (only for minority factions)

Extending the republic, taking in a greater diversity of interests and making it less likely that there will be a majority faction

Extending the republic, making it more difficult for members of a faction to coordinate with each other

Representation – electing wise and virtuous leaders (who are more likely to be elected in an extended republic)
