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1. According to Madison, what conditions have historically plagued “popular governments”?
2. Had the U.S. effectively dealt with those conditions? Explain
3. Describe the two methods of removing the causes of factions.
4. Describe Madison’s position on these two methods.
5. What is the most common cause of faction?
6. Is the “republican principle” more effective in controlling the effects of a minority faction or a majority faction? Explain
7. Is a republic or a pure democracy more suitable for controlling the effects of factions? List the differences that Madison cites between the two.

8. What are the benefits when there is a “delegation of the government to a small number of citizens? What are the dangers?
9. Why is a large republic more likely to control the effects of faction than a small republic?