Questions for Federalist #10

1. How does Madison define “faction”? What are some examples of factions today?

2. What are the two methods of curing the mischiefs caused by factions?

3. What are the two ways of eliminating the causes of faction? Why are both unacceptable?

4. According to Madison, what is the primary cause of conflict?

5. What issues divided mankind in 1787? Are those issues similar to the causes of today’s divisions?

6. What are the two remedies for controlling the effects of factions?

7. Why are factions more easily controlled in large republics?

8. How does federalism control factions?

9. What portions of Madison’s arguments are most persuasive? What is the least persuasive?

10. Does Madison have an optimistic or pessimistic view of human nature? How did this viewpoint impact the drafting of the Constitution?

11. Was Madison right, or have factions sometimes gained control of our government?