

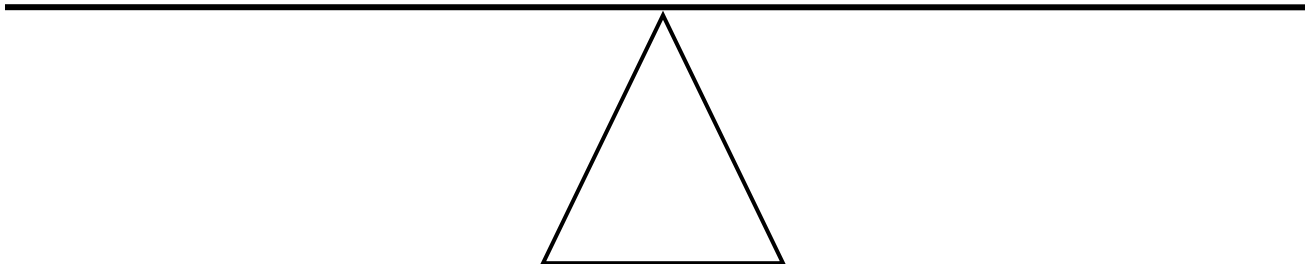
**Teaching Six Big Ideas in the Constitution**  
**Table 3**

Weighing the Arguments for and against Ratification

Arguments For Ratifying the Constitution	Arguments Against Ratifying the Constitution
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

*Arguments For Keeping the Articles of Confederation in 1787*

*Arguments For Changing the Articles of Confederation in 1787*



- Taking stock:
1. Assess the relative importance of the arguments you listed and determine which side of the balance pictured below would be weighed down in 1788?
  2. Prepare to present your arguments to the class.
  3. Consider the extent to which your arguments could be applied to the Constitution as it exists—with its amendments—today.