

## Centinel Number 1

*Writing under the pseudonym Centinel, Samuel Bryan was an Anti-Federalist author who argued against ratification of the Constitution.*

Do we not already see, that the inhabitants in a number of larger states, who are remote from the seat of government, are loudly complaining of the inconveniences and disadvantages they are subjected to on this account, and that, to enjoy the comforts of local government, they are separating into smaller divisions.

### Guiding Questions

1. According to the author, what are the people complaining about?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does the author imply would end the people's complaints?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Does the author present a case for a strong central government or a weak central government?
  - a. Key words from text that support your answer: