Jefferson vs. Hamilton - The Debate over the need for a Bill of Rights

Answer the questions for each video clip immediately after viewing the clip.

Clip 1: Hamilton- Why we needed a Constitution
  ● List at least 2 reasons Hamilton gives for needing to create a new Constitution.

Clip 2: Jefferson- Views on the New Constitution
  ● Name one strength and one weakness Jefferson saw with the newly created Constitution.

Clip 3: Jefferson- Need for Bill of Rights
  ● Why did Jefferson feel we needed a Bill of Rights?

  ● Name three suggestions Jefferson gave that should be added to a Bill of Rights.

Clip 4: Hamilton- Bill of Rights
  ● Why did Hamilton say there was no need for a Bill of Rights?

Clip 5: Jefferson- Argument against Hamilton
  ● Jefferson argues against Hamilton’s reasoning above, what was Jefferson’s rebuttal to Hamilton’s reasons for the lack of a Bill of Rights?
Clip 6: Jefferson- Why do we have a Constitution

- “We don’t have a Constitution to limit the people....we have a Constitution to limit our government.” What does Jefferson mean with the words?

Hamilton and Jefferson both gave their reasons on whether or not they supported the addition of a Bill of Rights. Which of the two men do you side with on this debate and give me several detailed sentences supporting your decision.