

The U.S. Citizenship Test As a Window into Advanced Civics



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Constitution

- Adopted in 1787 by the Second Continental Congress
- Ratified in 1788
- Primary Drafter - James Madison
- Supreme Law of the Land
- 4,543 words
- Some unique spellings



Introduction



- “We the people....”
- 6 stated purposes

Article I - Congress

- **Section 1** - creates House & Senate
- Great Compromise
- **Section 2** - House of Representatives
- Qualifications
- Representatives based on population
- 3/5 Compromise
- Power of Impeachment



Article I - Congress (continued)

- **Section 3 : Senate**
- Originally chosen by state legislatures
- Staggered Terms
- Qualifications
- VP is President of Senate
- President Pro Tempore
- Conducts Impeachment Trials



Article I - Congress (continued)



- **Section 4** - Conduct of elections left to the states
- **Section 5** - Congressional Record
- **Section 6** - Compensation
- No arrest while in session
- **Section 7** - Revenue Spending Bills originate in House
- 2/3 to overrule veto
- Law without President's signature

Article I - Congress (continued)

- **Section 8** - Power to pass laws
- Commerce Clause
- Lay taxes - Affordable Care Act Case
- Establish lower courts
- Declare War
- **Section 9** - Writ of Habeas Corpus
- No Bill of Attainder
- No Expos Facto Laws
- **Section 10** - Limits on states



Article II - Presidency - Executive



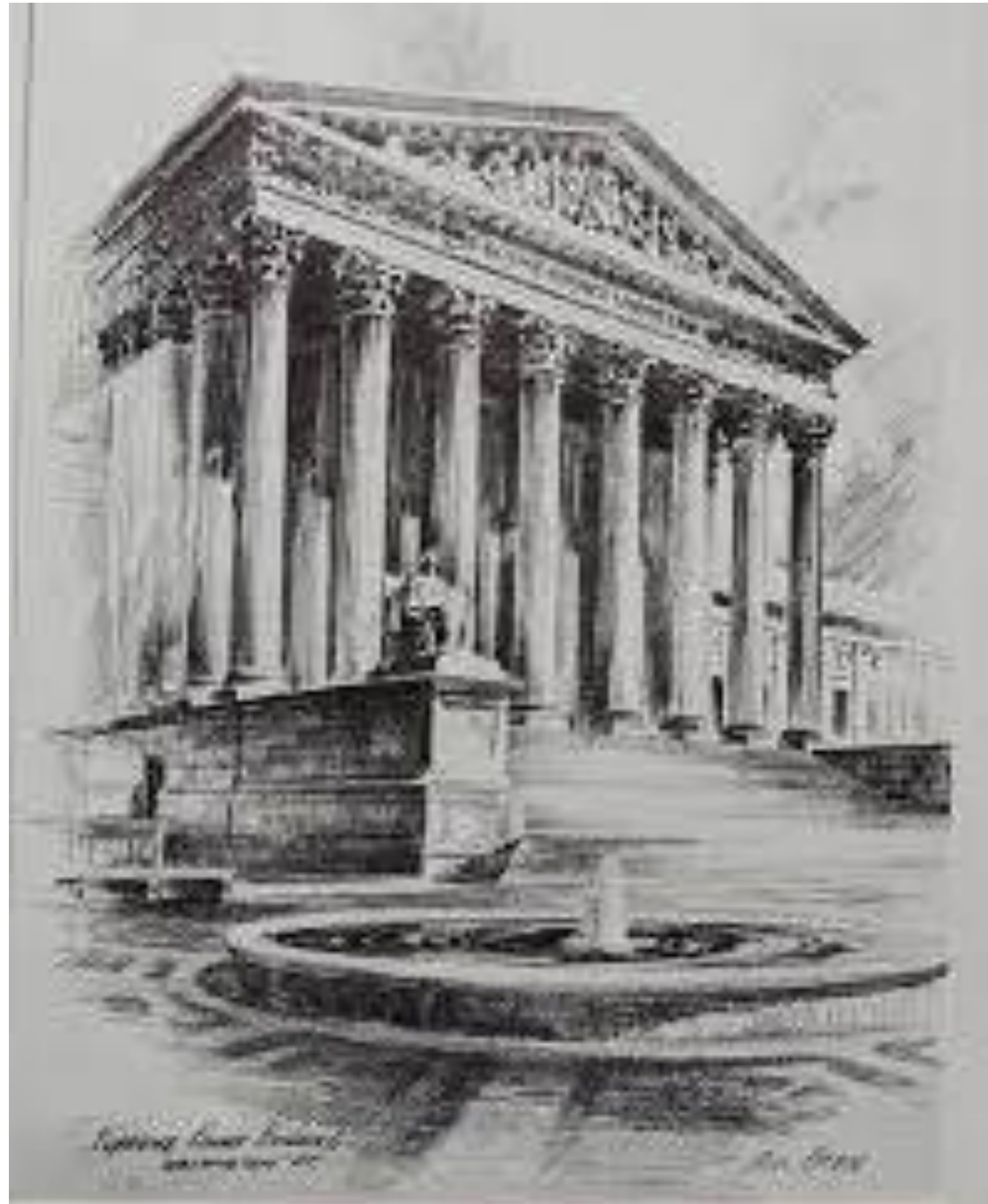
- **Section 1** - 4 year term
- Electoral College - 270 votes needed
- # Senators + House of Representatives = Delegates
- Qualifications for President
- Oath of office

Article II - Presidency - Executive (Continued)

- **Section 2** - Commander in Chief
- Treaties
- **Section 3** - State of Union
- Impeachment Grounds



Article III - Judiciary



- Section 1 - Supreme Court
- Section 2 - Judicial power
- Impeachment Trial in Senate
- Section 3 Treason

Article IV

- **Section 1** - Full faith and credit clause
- **Section 2** - Privileges and Immunities clause
- **Section 3** - Admission of new states
- **Section 4** - Duty to protect states



Article V - Amendments

- $\frac{2}{3}$ each house + $\frac{3}{4}$ states ratify
- Constitutional Convention



Article VI



- Supremacy Clause

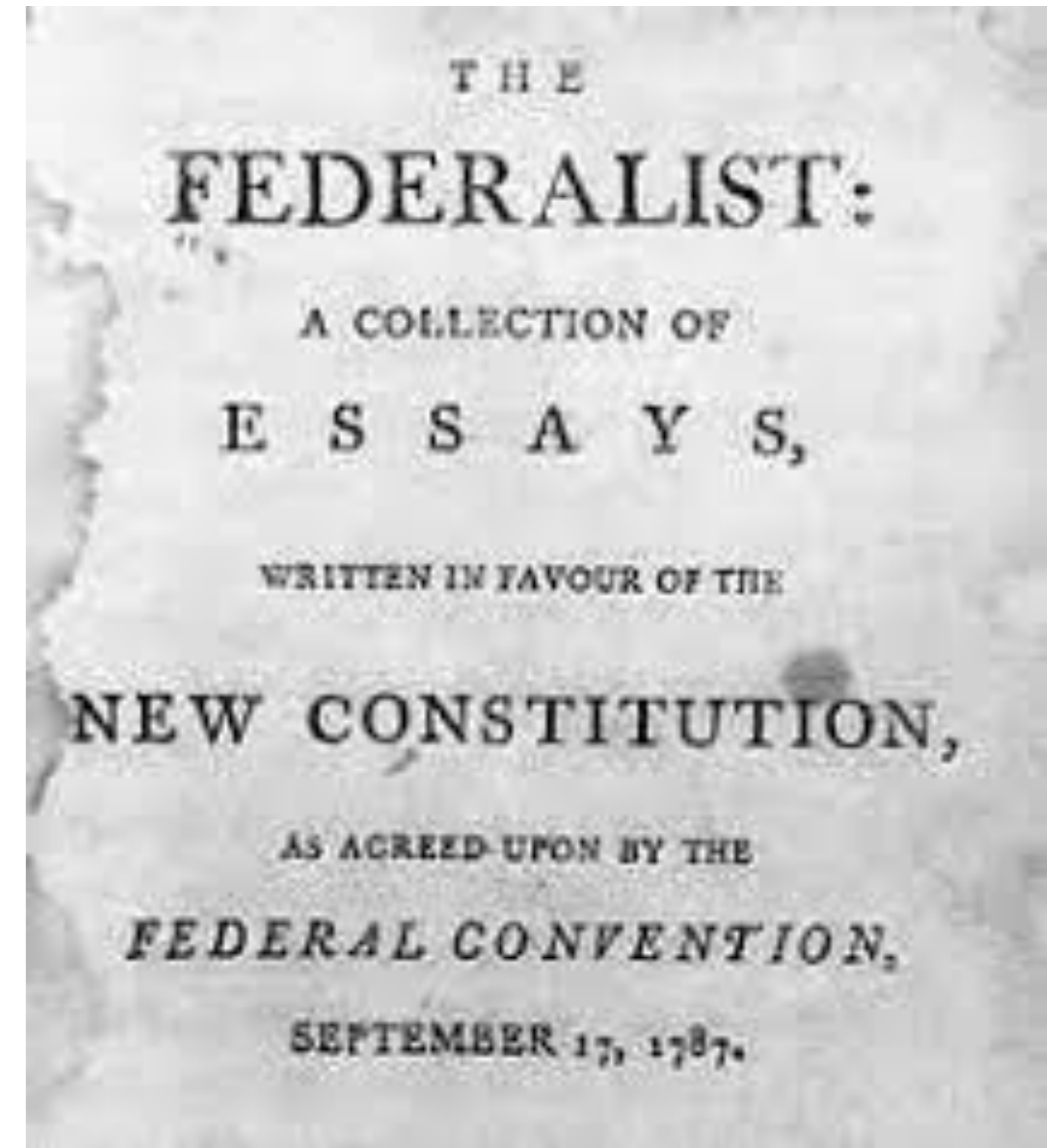
Article VII



- Ratification by 9 states

Federalist Papers

- Originally called “The Federalist”
- Drafters : Madison, Jay & Hamilton
- Purpose : convince New York to ratify
- Published by “Publius”

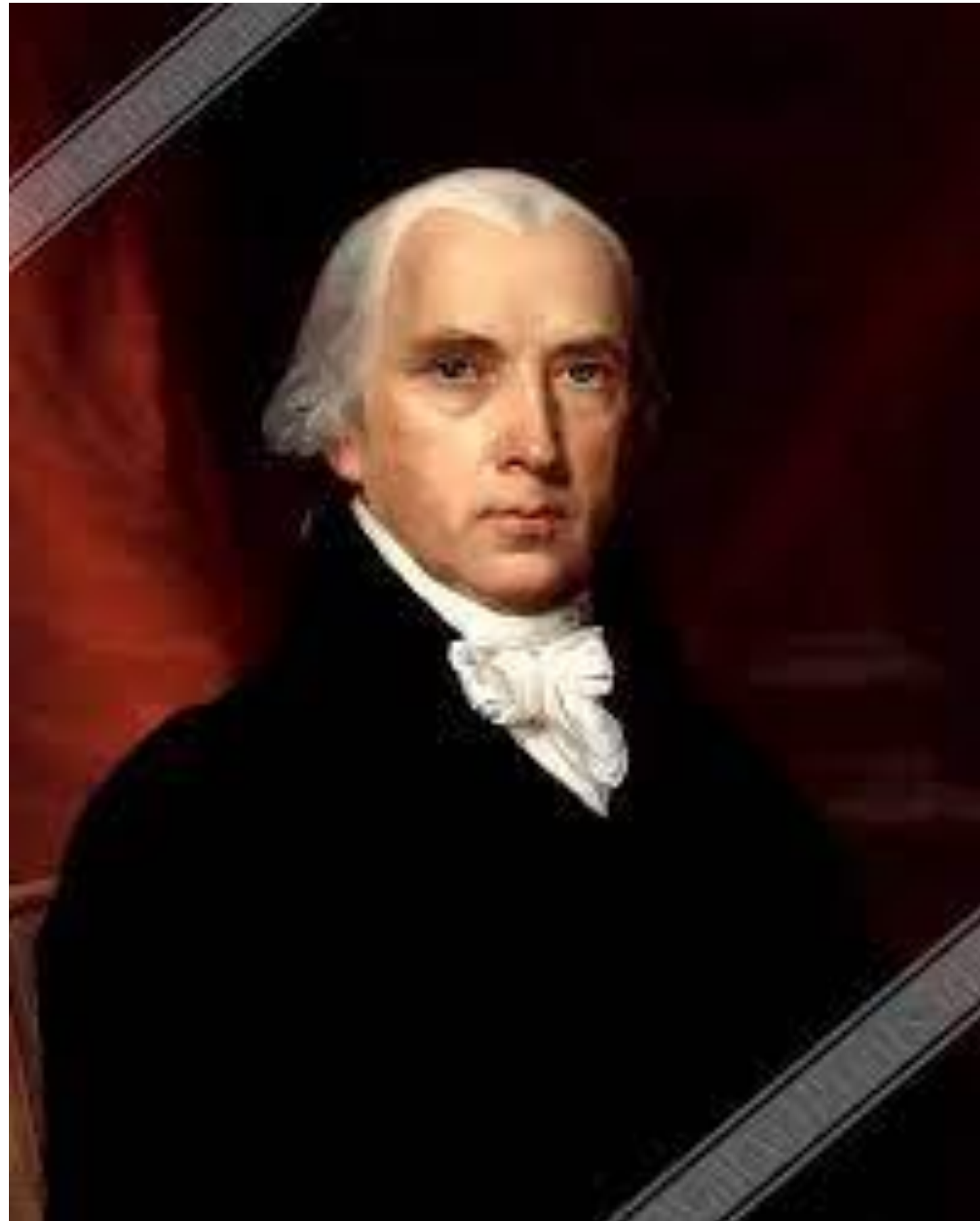


Drafter : Alexander Hamilton

- Founder of Federalist Party
- Established 1st 2 national banks
- Action combated international slave trade
- Killed by Aaron Burr in dual



Drafter : James Madison



- 4th President
- Viewed as “Father of Constitution”
- Primary drafter of Constitution & Bill of Rights
- Helped organize Constitutional Convention
- Put forth VA Plan

Drafter : John Jay

- 1st Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court
- Helped negotiate Treaty of Paris
- Led Federalist Party



Bill of Rights



- 1. Religion, Speech, Press, Right to Assemble
- 2. Right to bear arms
- 3. No quartering of troops
- 4. No unreasonable search & seizure
- 5. Due process / No testimony against yourself / Eminent Domain
- 6. Right to an attorney / Speedy trial 😊
- 7. Right to jury
- 8. No cruel & unusual punishment / no excessive bail
- 9. Bill of Rights do not exclude other rights
- 10. States rights

