#### **Building a New Nation**

#### IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776. DECLARATION A BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

II E N in the Courie of human Events, it becomes needfary for one People to diffore the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to adforme among the Forwers of the Earth, the fogurate and equal Section to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, as descent Reject to the Optimizer of Maskhol requires that the foundal declare the cause which imped them

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#### Problems & Issues

Social

- The meaning of "equality" in America
- Economic
  - Economic recoveryDebt
- Political
  - Governing the new nation

#### Problems & Issues

- > HOW would problems be resolved?
- > WHO would resolve problems?
  - Who had decision-making AUTHORITY?

#### Social changes

- Social order
- Social relations
- Equality



#### Reject British:

- > Monarchy
- Aristocracy
- Social class system







#### "Aristocratic"





#### "Democratic"







#### Dropped honorific titles

- Lowered property requirements for voting
- Abolished "aristocratic" laws

"primogeniture"

# Slavery

"To contend for liberty and to deny that blessing to others, involves an inconsistency not to be excused." - John Jay

"It is a clear truth that those who every day barter away other men's liberty, will soon care little for their own." - James Otis

# Slavery

#### "Liberty" & "Equality"

"...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."

Great Awakening – equality of all Christians

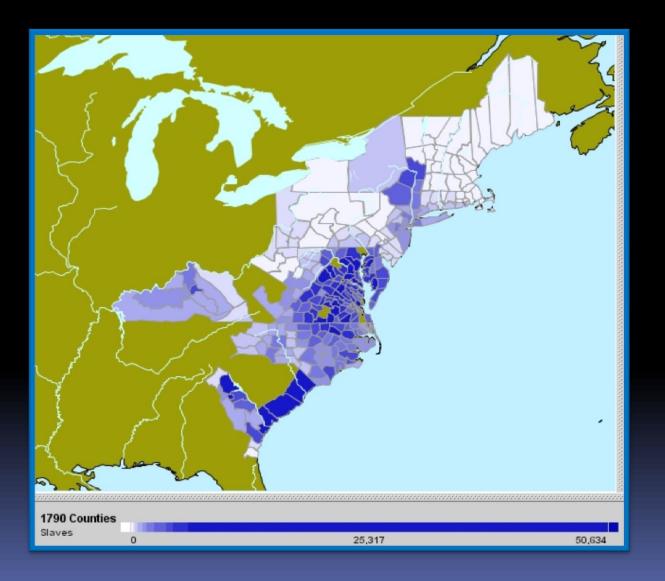


Slavery ➢ North

#### South

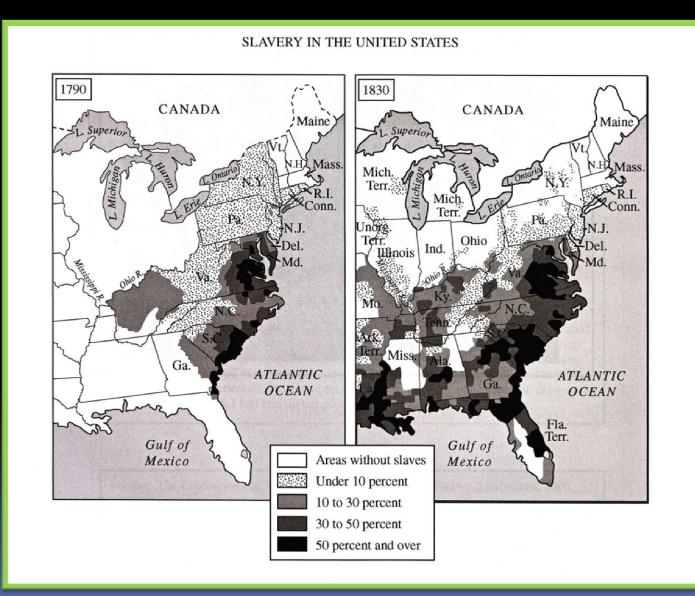
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# Slavery - 1790

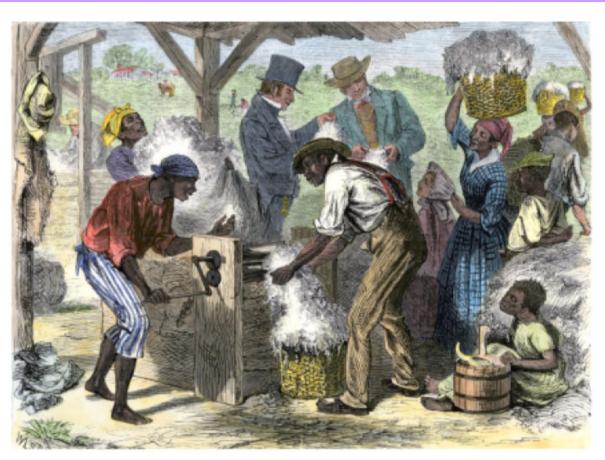


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## Slavery - 1790 & 1830



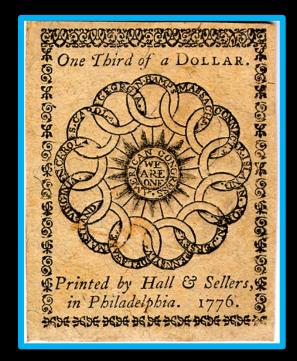
#### Cotton gin - 1793

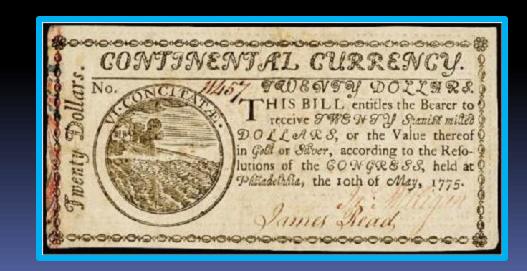


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# Economic problems inflation

- currency
- debt
  - StateNational

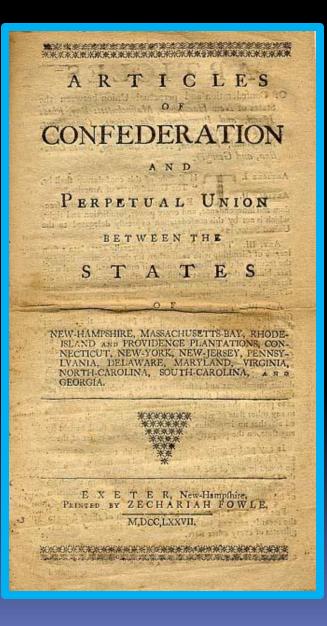




#### "Confederation" Government

Congress

#### Articles of Confederation



Weaknesses – Articles of Confederation

- "confederation" of sovereign states
  - No central authorityNo executive
- Congress limited powers
   No power to tax
   No authority over states

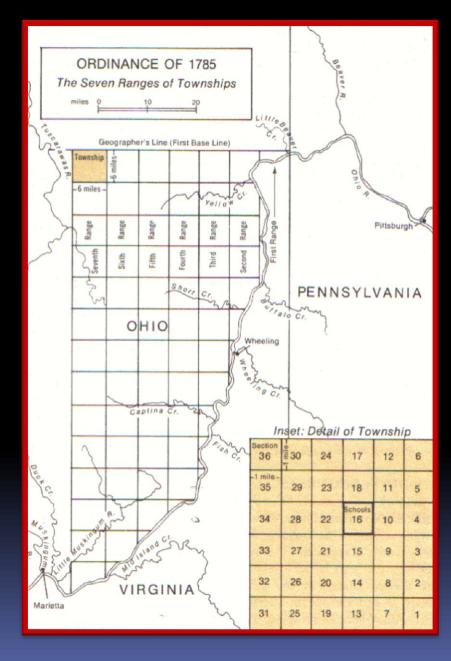
# Debt > Land

#### "public domain"

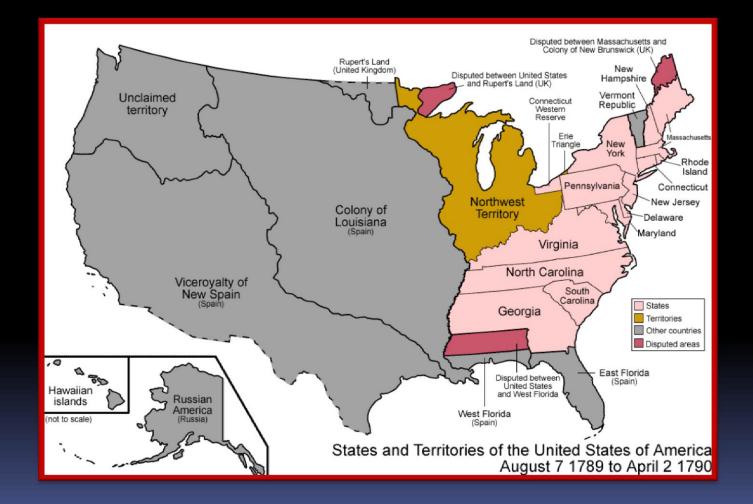




#### Land Ordinance of 1785



#### 1787 - Northwest Ordinance



#### Northwest Ordinance

- Authority of centralized government
- Territories under jurisdiction of Congress
- Provided path to statehood
- Prohibited slavery
- Guaranteed "natural rights"

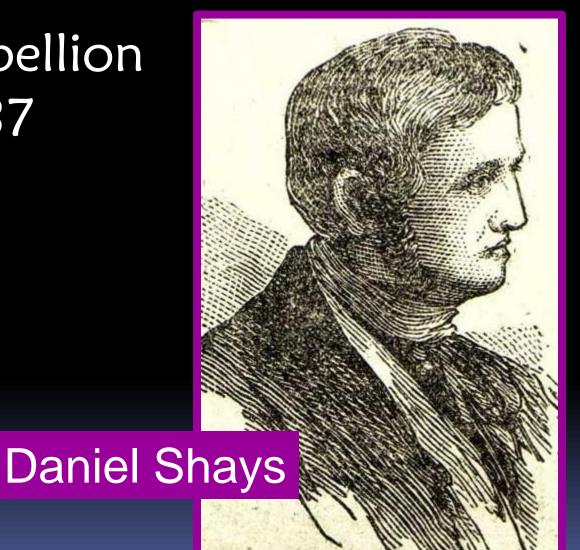
#### Native Americans

"The utmost good faith shall always be observed towards the Indians; their lands and property shall never be taken from them without their consent; and, in their property, rights, and liberty, they shall never be invaded or disturbed, unless in just and lawful wars authorized by Congress; but laws founded in justice and humanity, shall from time to time be made for preventing wrongs being done to them, and for preserving peace and friendship with them."

- Northwest Ordinance

#### Economic Problems - Debt

#### Shay's Rebellion 1786-1787



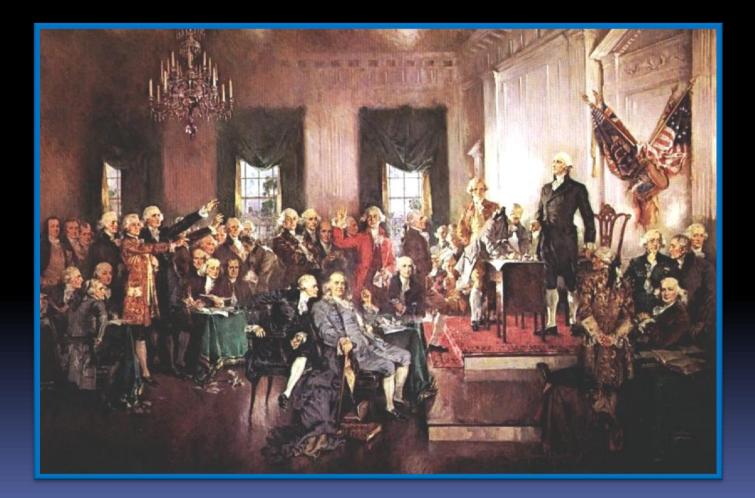
#### Articles of Confederation



#### Solution?

Replace the Articles

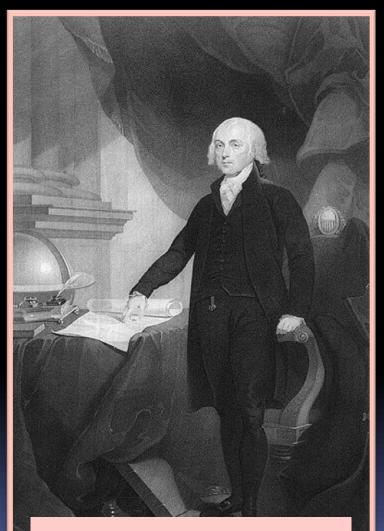
#### Constitutional Convention May – Sept 1787



#### **Constitutional Convention**



#### George Washington



#### James Madison

# > What did they want?

## What did they NOT want?

#### What they wanted

- "republic"
  - Representative democracy
  - Guarantee basic rights
  - Insure order
  - Consent of the people
  - Virtuous citizens

"excesses of democracy"

#### What they feared/did NOT want

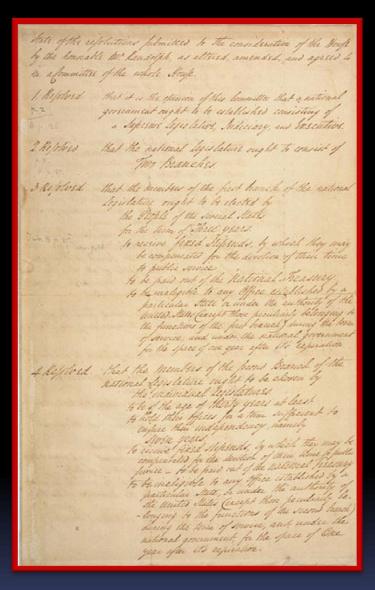
- Absolute, arbitrary power (tyranny)
- Concentration of power
- Abuse of power
- Corruption

"separation of powers"

"checks & balances"

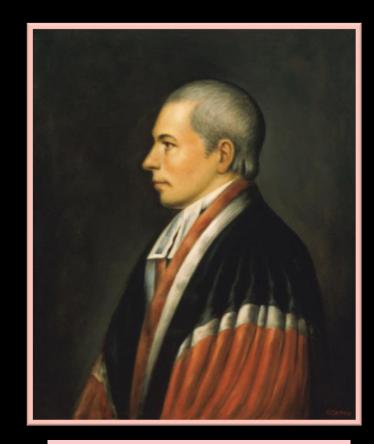
# Virginia Plan

- "Large-state"
- > 3 branches
- "bicameral" legislature
- Proportional representation
- Executive chosen by legislature
- Strong federal government



# New Jersey Plan

- "Small-state"
- "unicameral" legislature
- Congress elects executive
- Equal representation
- States retain sovereignty



#### William Paterson

# Sept 17, 1787



# U.S. Constitution

#### ➢ 3 branches

- Executive
- Legislative
- Judicial

#### "bicameral" legislature

- Senate equal representation
- House proportional

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#### "3/5 clause"

## U.S. Constitution

- Executive elected by electoral college
- Supreme Court
- "federal" system
- Separation of powers
  - Federal & State-level
  - 3 branches

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#### Ratification - factions

#### Federalists

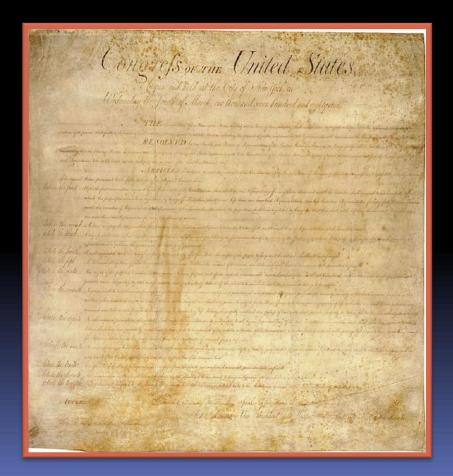
#### Anti-Federalists

#### Ratification

Early June 1788 – 9 states

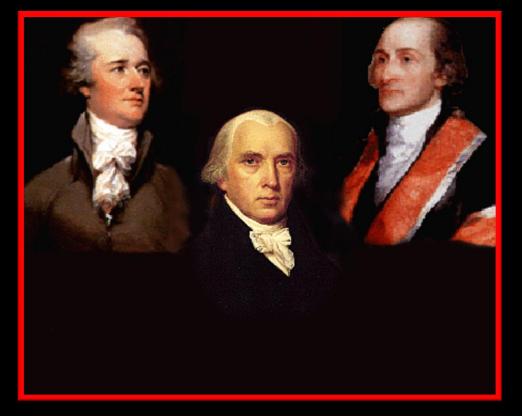
Late June - VABill of Rights

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#### The Federalist Papers

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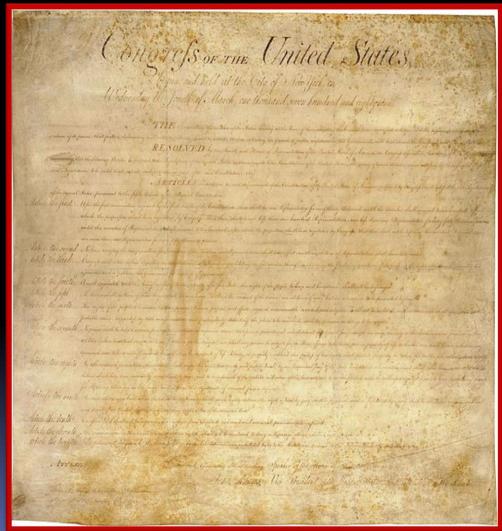


Alexander Hamilton James Madison John Jay Ratification

# July 1788 – NY Nov 1789 – NC

► May 1790 – RI

#### Ratification – Bill of Rights December 1791



#### 1790s – "Growing Pains"

