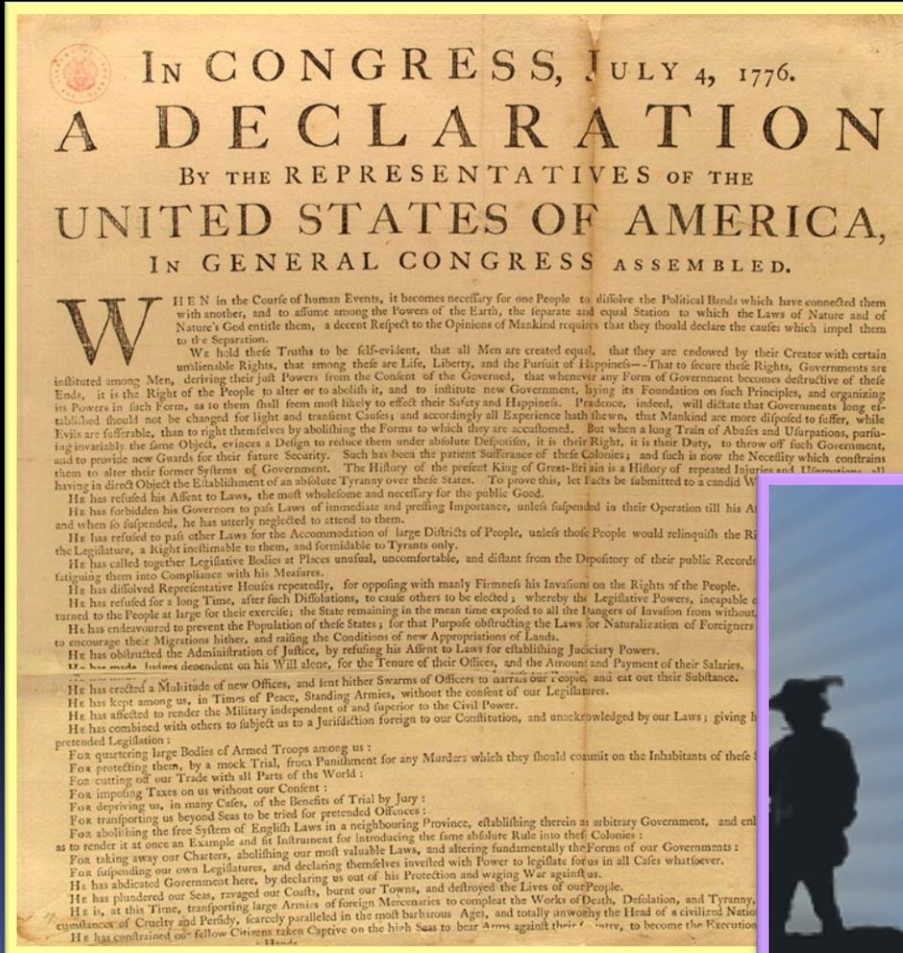


Building a New Nation



Problems & Issues

➤ Social

- The meaning of “equality” in America

➤ Economic

- Economic recovery
- Debt

➤ 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.”

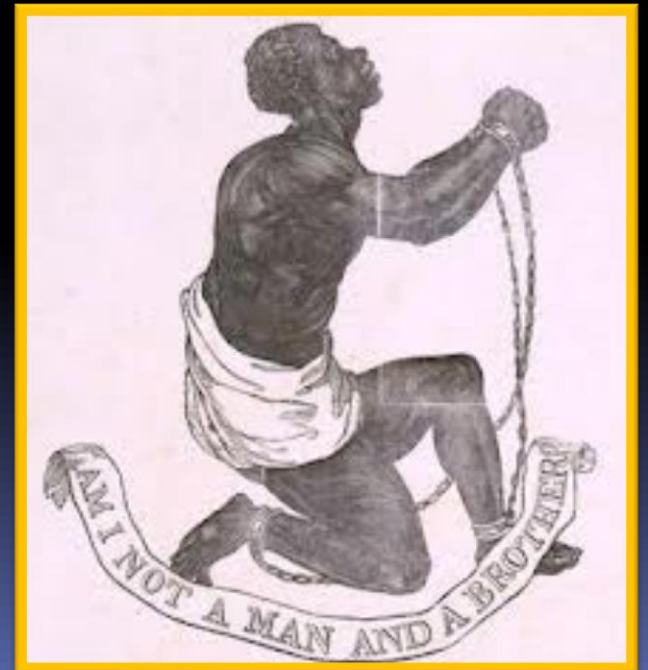
- James Otis

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



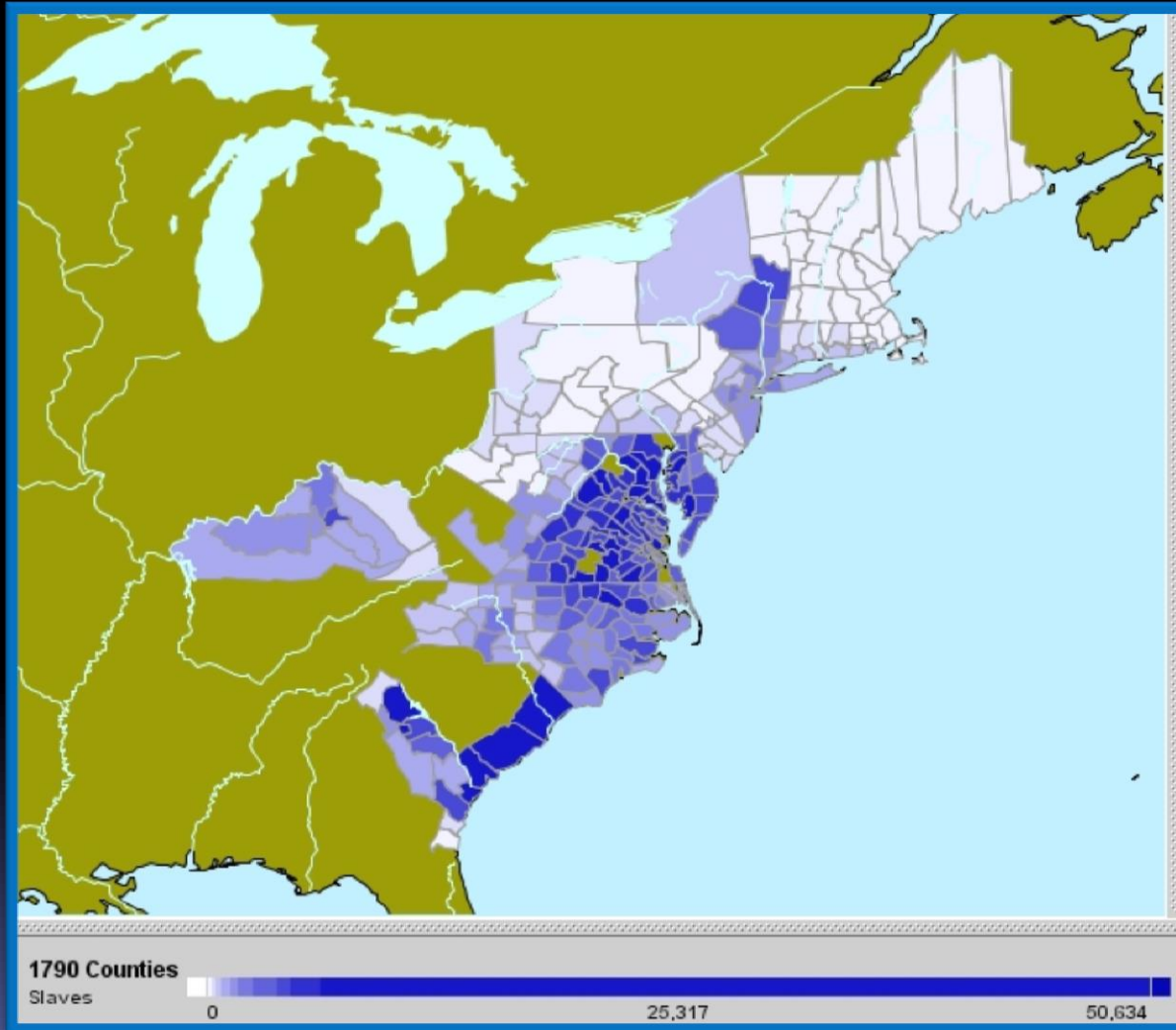
Slavery

➤ North

➤ South

- “upper” south
- “lower” south

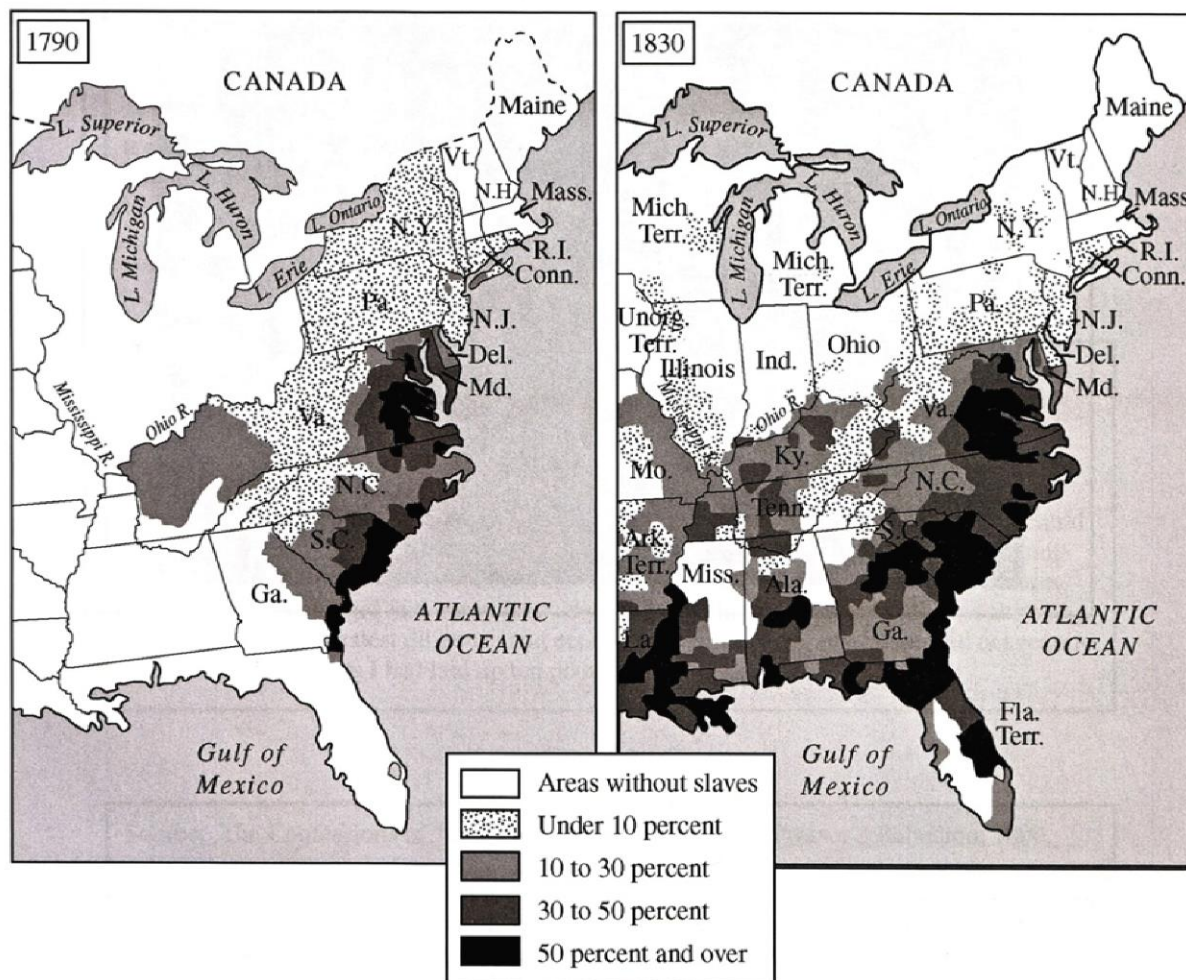
Slavery - 1790



700,000
94%

Slavery – 1790 & 1830

SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES

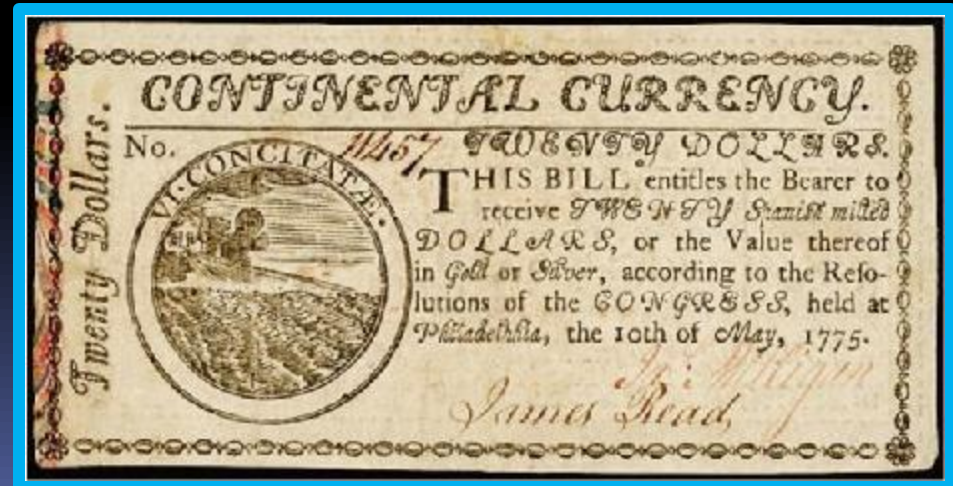


Cotton gin - 1793



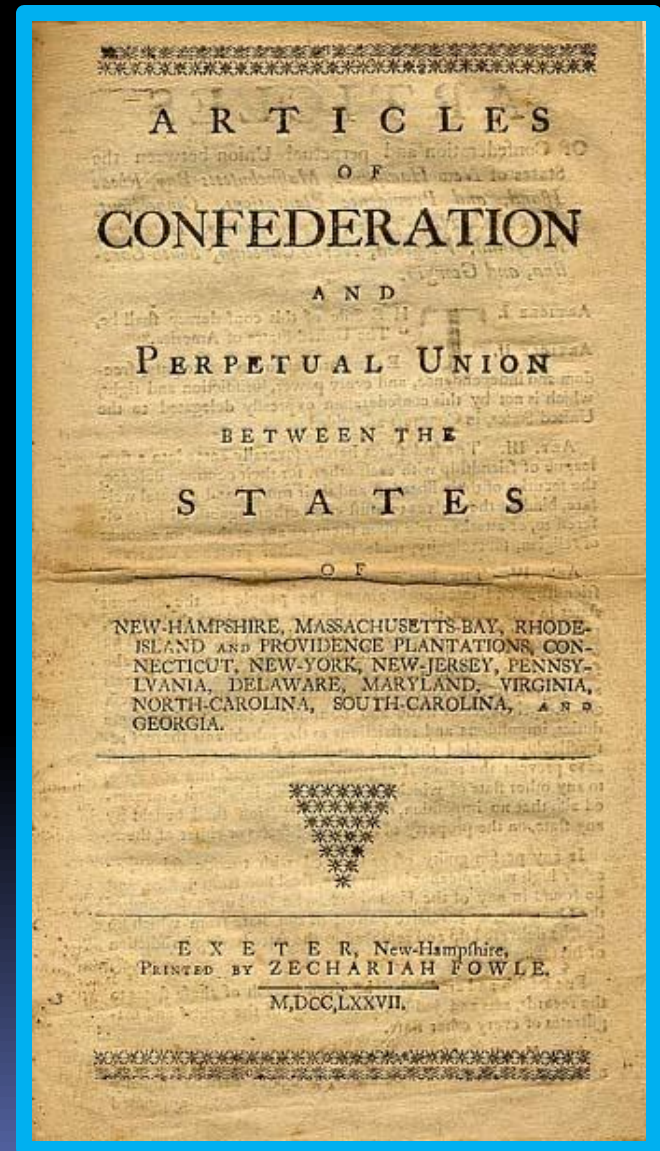
Economic problems

- inflation
- currency
- debt
 - State
 - National



“Confederation” Government

- Congress
- Articles of Confederation



Weaknesses – Articles of Confederation

- “confederation” of sovereign states
 - No central authority
 - No executive
- Congress – limited powers
 - No power to tax
 - No authority over states

Debt

➤ Land

- “public domain”



➤ 1787 - Northwest Ordinance



Northwest Ordinance

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

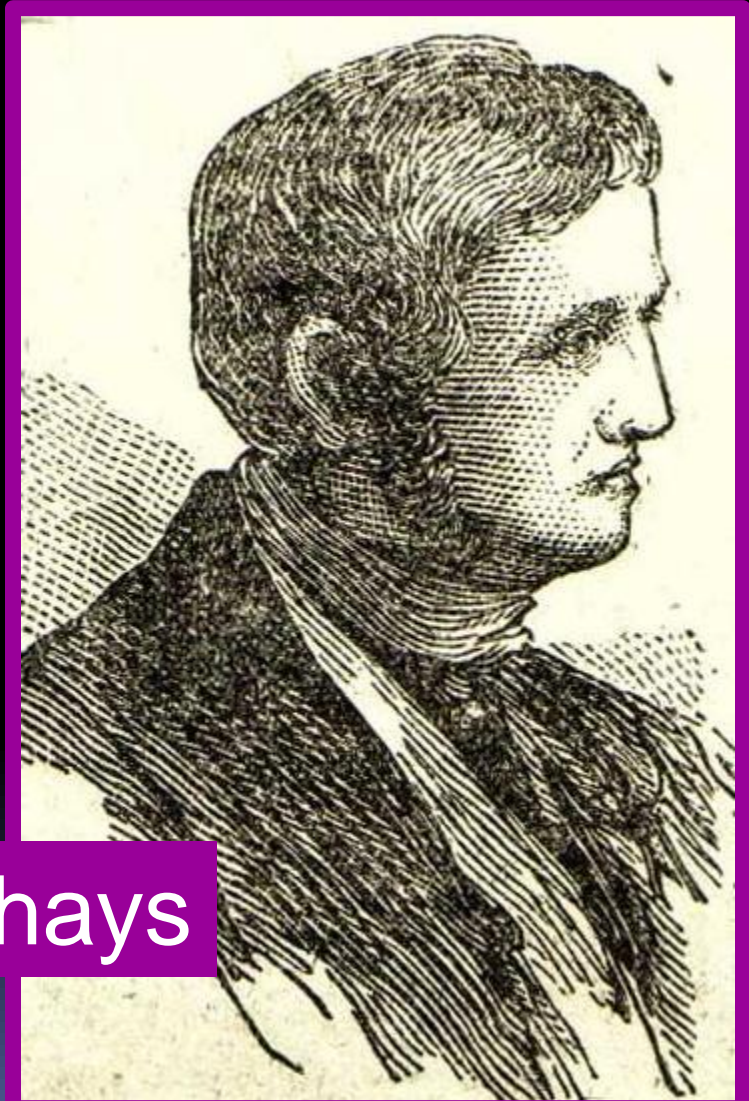
Native Americans

"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



Daniel Shays

Articles of Confederation

- Weak

- Solution?

 - Replace the Articles

Constitutional Convention

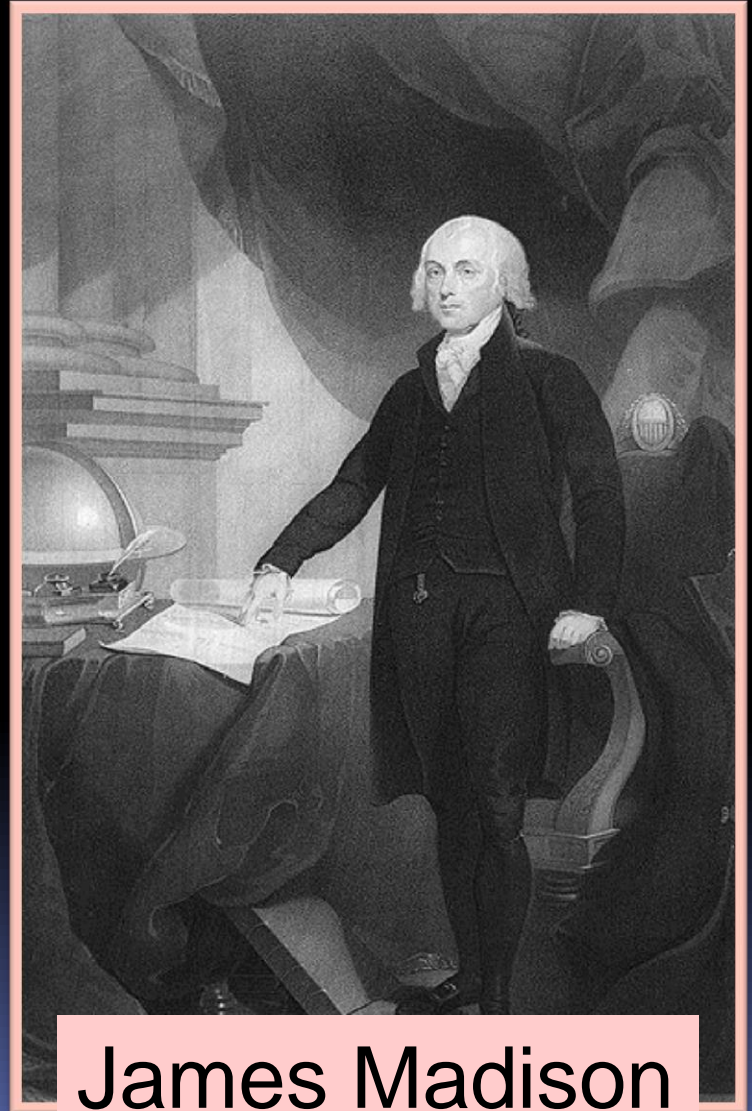
May – Sept 1787



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

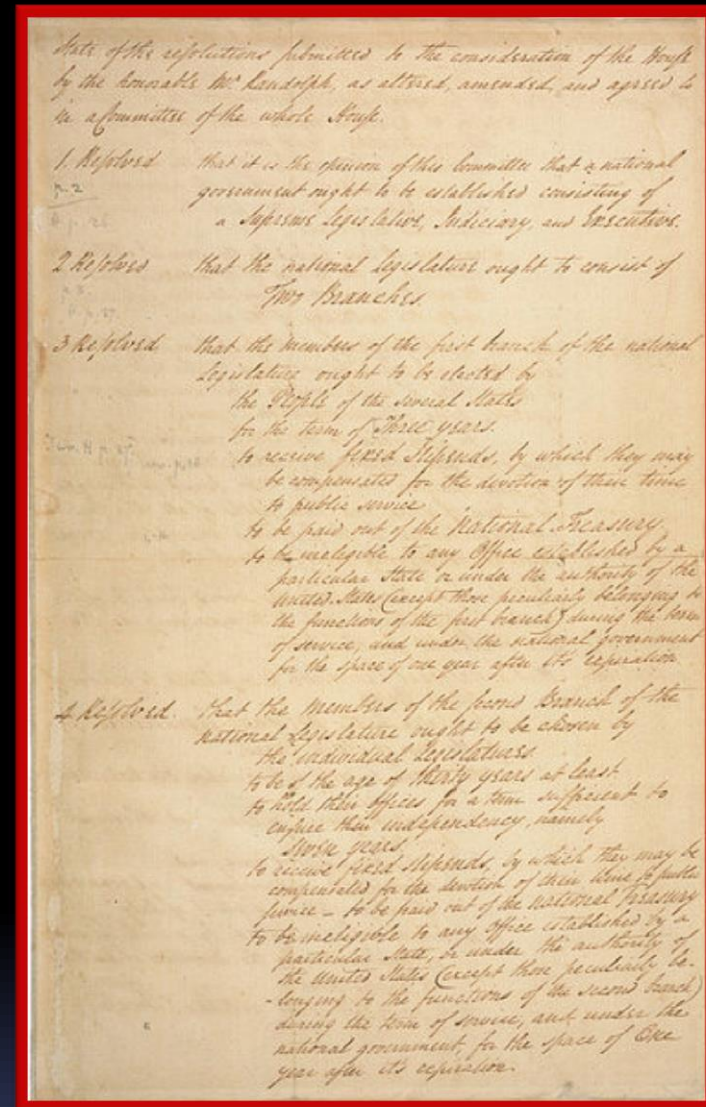
- Absolute, arbitrary power (tyranny)
- Concentration of power
- Abuse of power
- Corruption

“separation of powers”

“checks & balances”

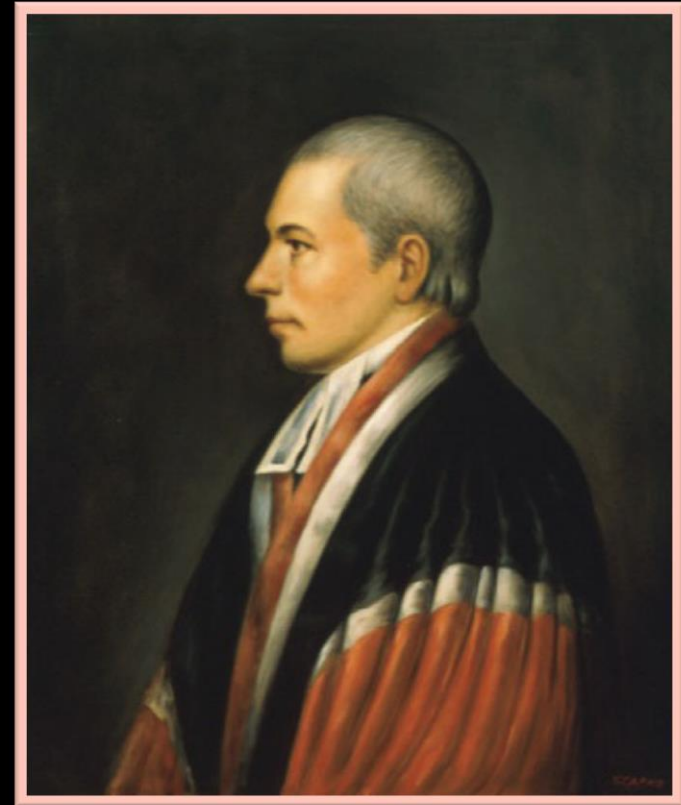
Virginia Plan

- “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

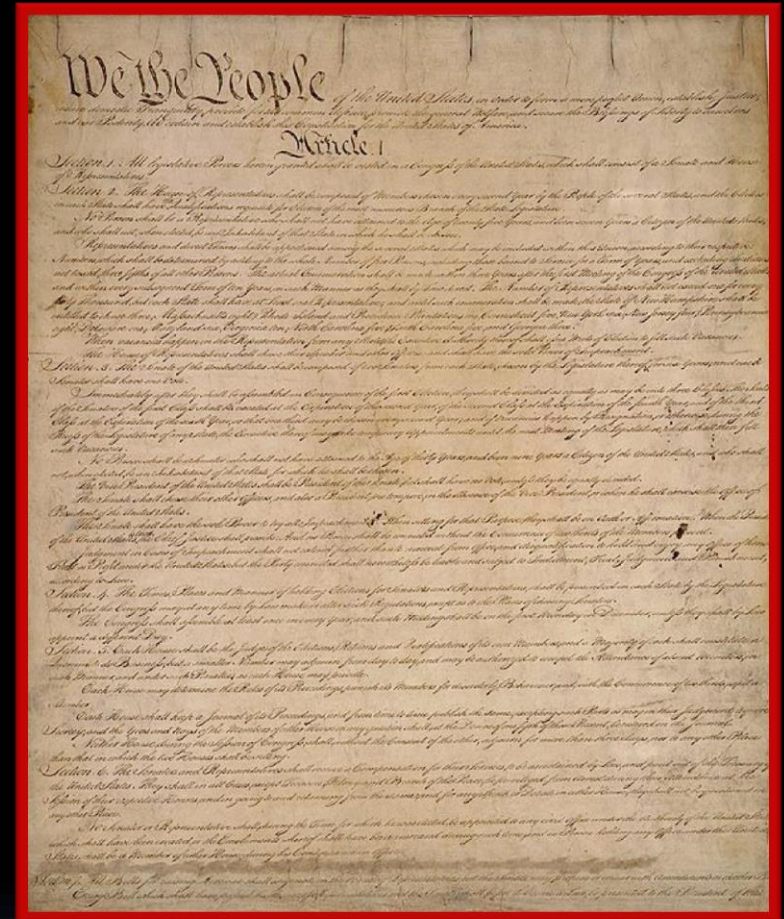
➤ 3 branches

- Executive
- Legislative
- Judicial

➤ “bicameral” legislature

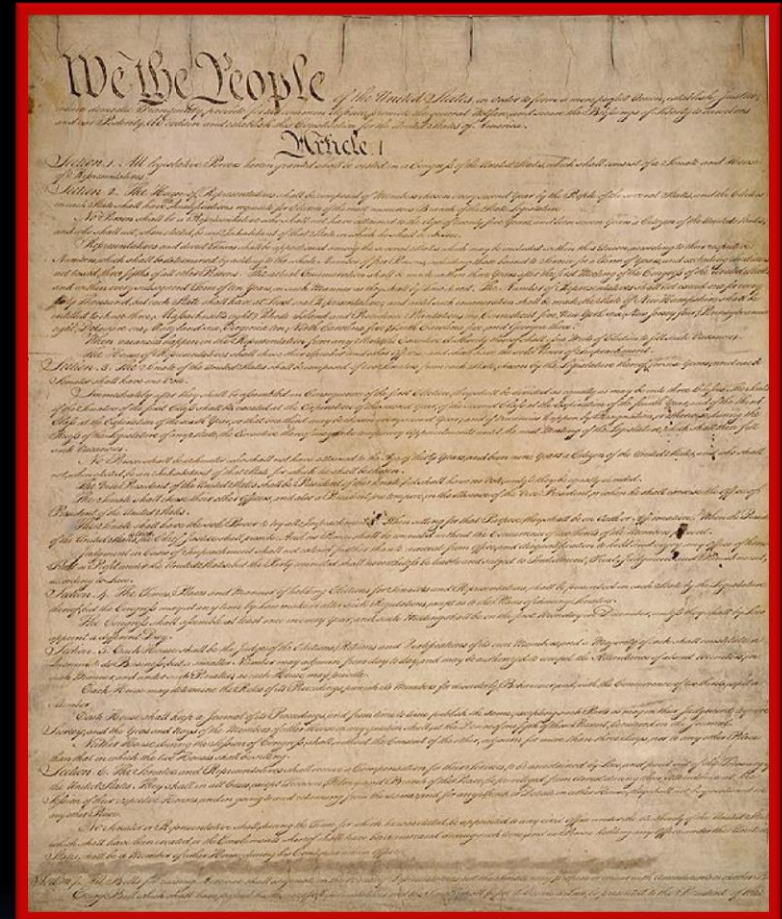
- Senate – equal representation
- House - proportional

“3/5 clause”



U.S. Constitution

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



Ratification - factions

- Federalists
- Anti-Federalists

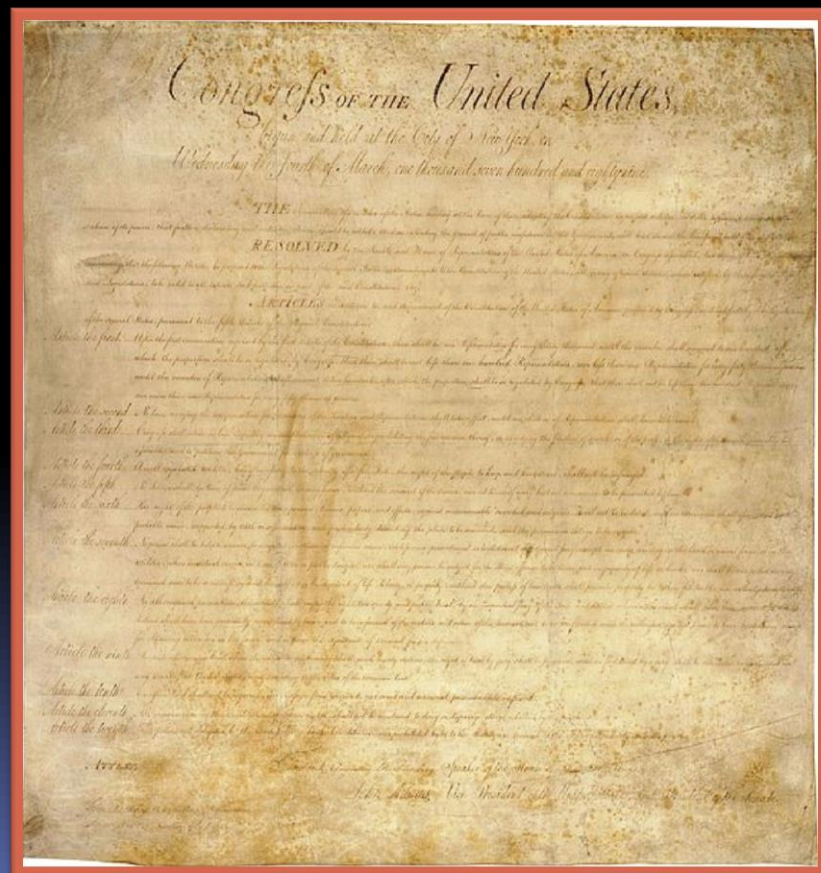
Ratification

➤ Early June 1788 – 9 states

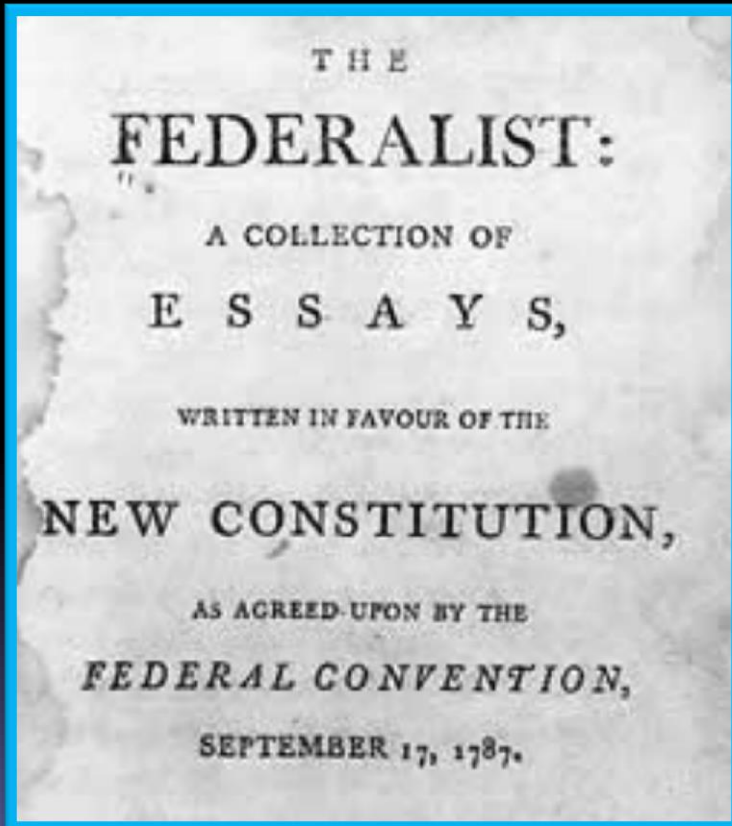
➤ Late June - VA

- Bill of Rights

➤ NY



The Federalist Papers

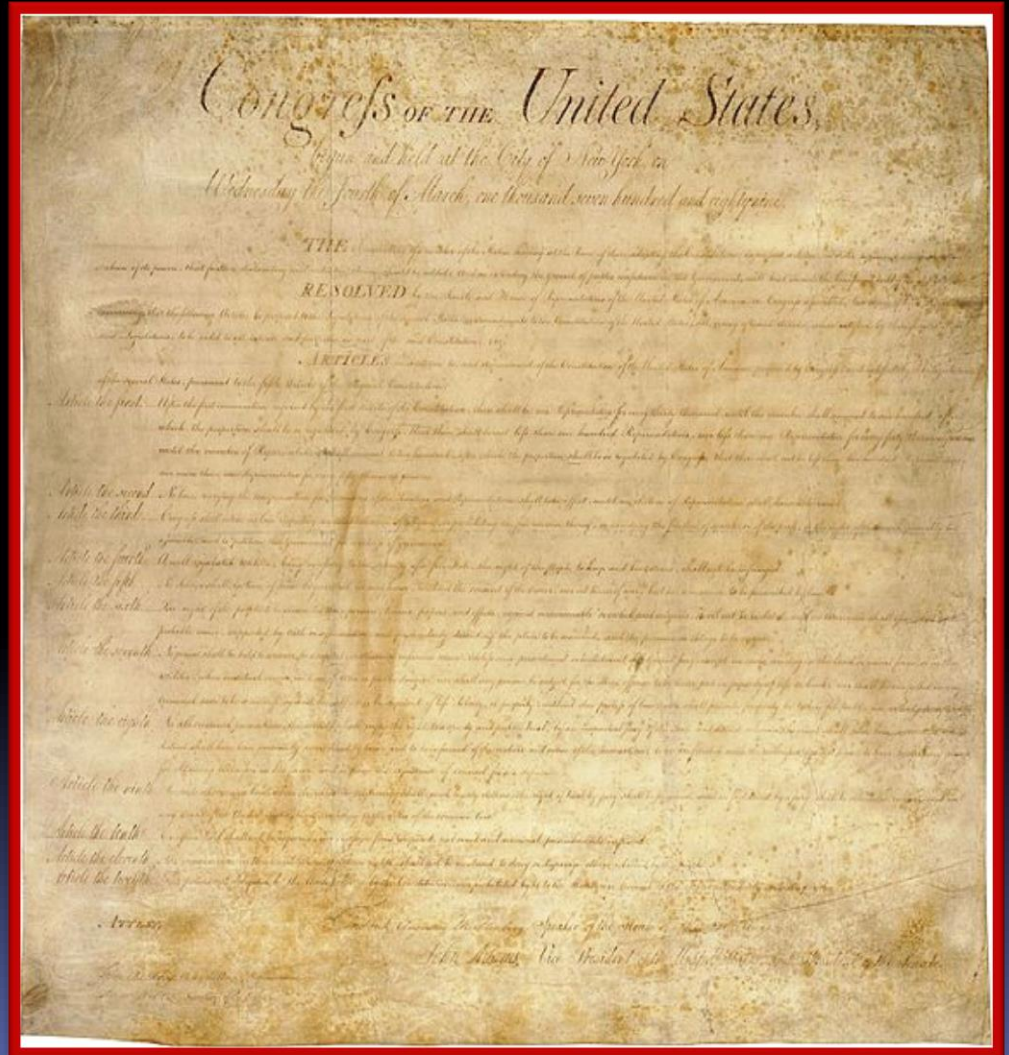


Alexander Hamilton
James Madison
John Jay

Ratification

- July 1788 – NY
- Nov 1789 – NC
- May 1790 – RI

Ratification – Bill of Rights December 1791



1790s – “Growing Pains”

