

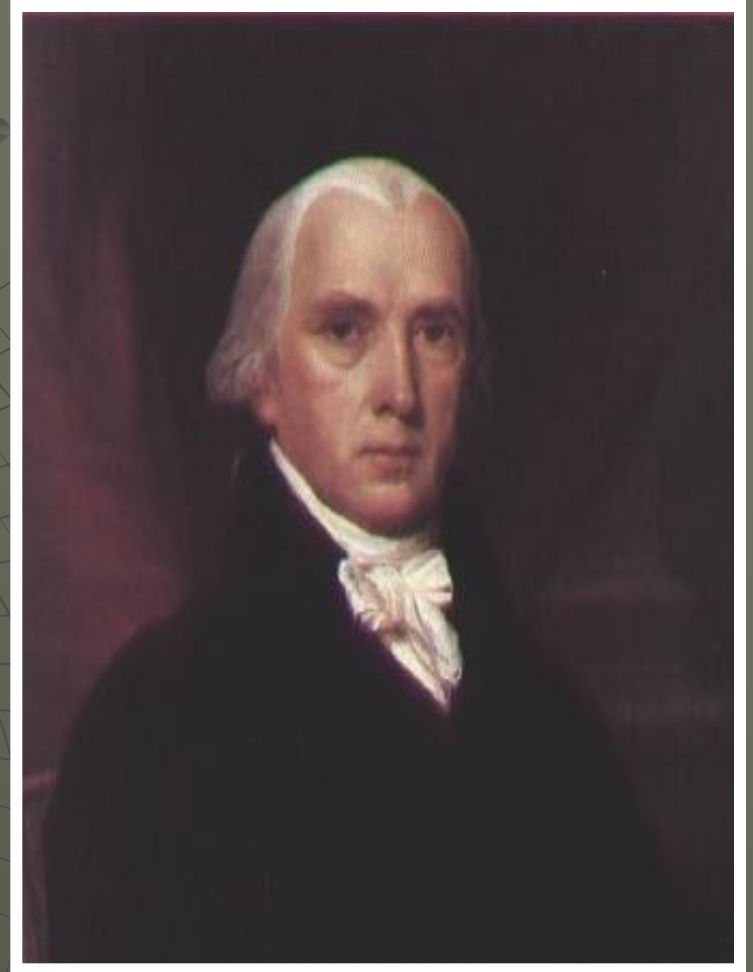


# The Federalist and Anti-Federalist

The Voices of Reason  
Persuasion and Advantages

# JAMES MADISON

- ◆ Writes *The Federalist* papers because he supports a strong central government
- ◆ Writes the first 10 amendments to the Constitution



# ALEXANDER HAMILTON

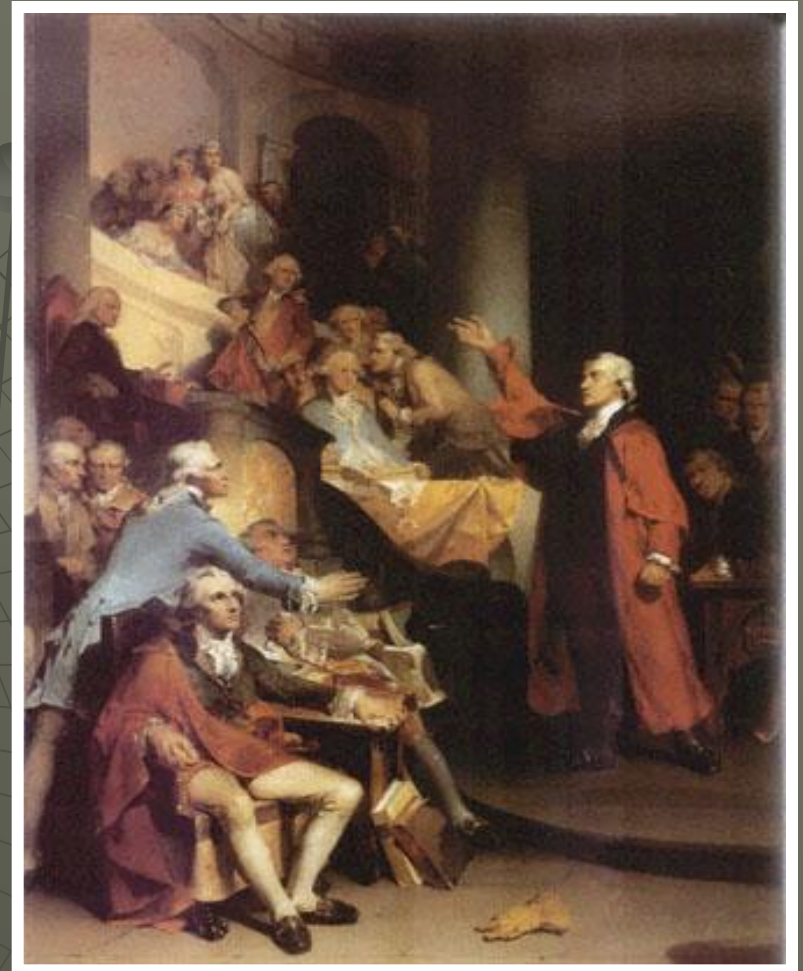
- ◆ Alexander Hamilton a lawyer co-writes several *The Federalist* essays
- ◆ Supports a strong national government and ratification of the Constitution





# Patrick Henry

- ◆ Active leader during the Revolution who demanded that the British “give me liberty, or give me death!”
- ◆ He is against the Constitution because it reduced states rights and had no Bill of Rights



# George Mason

- ◆ Anti-Federalist, a Virginian Plantation owner
- ◆ Wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights which becomes the model for the Bill of Rights
- ◆ He refused to sign the Constitution until a Bill of Rights was included



# The Federalist and Anti-Federalist

- ◆ Federalists are supported the Constitution and tended to be supported by merchants and urban areas
- ◆ Anti-Federalist did not want the Constitution passed and are supported by small farmers and rural settlers



# DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW

- ◆ Federalists argued for
  - Wanted a strong national government
  - Three branches of government filled with men of "reputation"
  - Wanted a president to lead executive branch
  - No Bill of Rights
- ◆ Antifederalists argued
  - States should have power
  - Wanted legislative branch to be strongest branch of government
  - Feared a strong president in office
  - A Bill of Rights would protect the rights of Americans

# The Federalists Papers

- ◆ John Jay, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison wrote the *Federalist Papers* to get support for the Constitution. *Papers* addressed issues such as representation, rights of individuals and majority rule.
- ◆ The Anti-Federalists respond in the "*Objections to the Constitution of Government formed by the Convention*", which argued the fear of a strong executive branch and the absence of a Bill of Rights.



# An Unfair Advantage?

- ◆ The Federalists publish their essays in New York newspapers and pamphlets in 1787-1789
- ◆ Newspapers support the Federalist side and publish more Federalist writings than Anti-Federalist writings!

