

## Essential Question

# Why is James Madison such an important figure?

## Why You Should Care

Known as “The Father of the Constitution” Madison pushed the idea of shared powers in the government.



**Presidents:  
The First Generation  
James Madison**

# Father of the Constitution

Madison presented the “Virginia Plan” introducing the concept of Federalism and shared powers. He spoke over 200 times in the Convention truly guiding it.

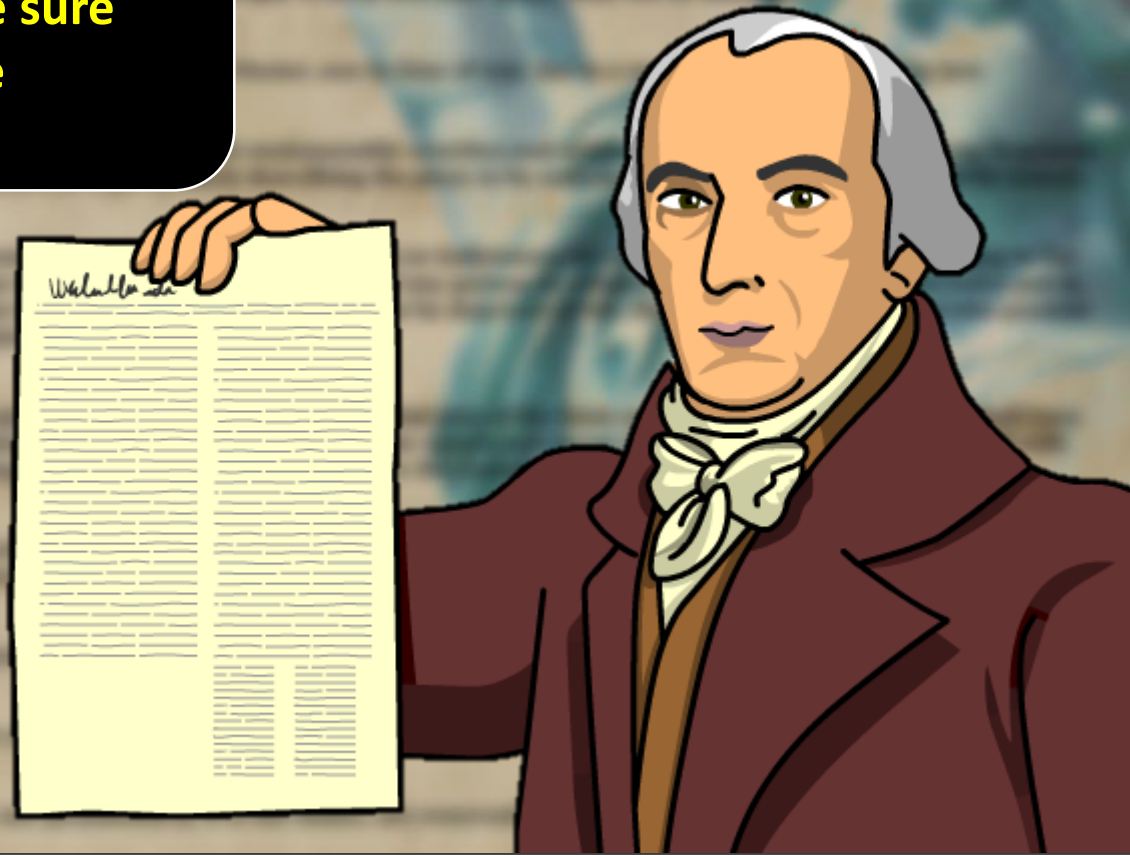


*James Madison*

1787

# Father of the Bill of Rights

Despite thinking it unnecessary Madison wrote most of the Bill of Rights that we have today. He wanted to make sure states continued to support the Constitution.



*James Madison*

Set many of the standards of a "First Lady." Was so liked that it actually made James more popular.



# Dolly Madison



1794



*James Madison*

**Part II:  
The  
Madison  
Presidency**



**1809 - 1817**



*James Madison*

**Continued Jefferson's policies. Tried to keep peace with Britain – they didn't really listen.**

“Of all the enemies to public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded”



*James Madison*

If we go to war,  
we're leaving the  
country and taking  
the North with us!

We beat you once,  
we can do it again!  
Cacaw!



DIE!

We love war!

KILL!

**Warhawks wanted war  
with Britain. Federalists  
threatened to secede if  
war started.**



*James Madison*

1808





**New England Federalists opposed war.**

**British trade restrictions hurt New England's economy.**

**Others argued that the United States was not ready to fight**



*James Madison*

# Impressment

Dude. Not funny.

Haha, are you *impressed* by my kidnapping skills?

Forcing sailors to serve in the British navy. Many were escaped British sailors but some were innocent Americans.



*James Madison*

1808 - 1810

# Indian Attacks



Native attacks on western settlers were increasing. Many suspected the British were arming and encouraging the natives.

1810 - 1812



*James Madison*



**Tecumseh** tried to  
unite the native  
tribes to rebel  
against the U.S.

**1810 - 1812**



*James Madison*

A Scene on the FRONTIERS as Practiced by the HUMANE BRITISH and their WORTHY ALLIES

Bring me the Scalps  
and the King our master  
will reward you—



Arise Columbia's sons and forward press,  
Your country's wrongs call loudly for redress;  
The Savage Indian with his Scalping knife,  
Or Tomahawk may seek to take your life,

By bravery aw'd they'll in a dreadful Fright,  
Shrink back for Refuge to the Woods in Flight;  
Their British leaders then will quickly shake,  
And for those wrongs shall restitution make.



**Madison felt pressure from  
War Hawks,  
Decided congress must vote**

**Congress declared war in 1812**

A photograph of three Star Wars action figures in a snowy setting. In the center, a Chewbacca figure holds a large, round snowball above his head with both hands. He is wearing his signature brown bandolier. To the left and right of Chewbacca are two Stormtrooper figures, both with their arms raised in a gesture of surprise or alarm. The background consists of a blurred, snow-covered landscape with some brown, rocky terrain. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a snowy day.

**WAAAAAR!**

# GOALS

## USA

- Conquer Canada
- End Impressment  
#notimpressed
- End Indian raids supported by Britain

## Britain

- Prevent US trade with France
- Keep control of Canada
- End war quickly

# RESULTS



*James Madison*



# Brain Snack



# MIND MELD

The background features two golden, stylized human heads facing each other. The tops of their heads are open, revealing a glowing blue ring that arches over the space between them, suggesting a connection or 'mind meld'. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and metallic.

Put a star next to what you believe are the three most important facts in today's notes. Then compare answers with your shoulder partner and agree on one most important fact.

