

United States
Government and Citizenship
Chapter 5: 1785-1789
Section 6: A Federal System of
Government

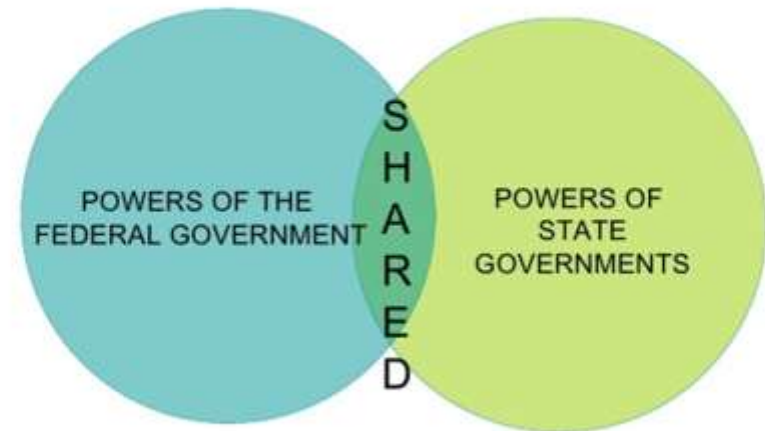
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■ Federalism

- Distribution of power between
 - State government
 - Central government
 - Federal

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National

- Declare war
- Maintain armed forces
- Regulate interstate and foreign trade
- Admit new states
- Establish post offices
- Set standard weights and measures
- Coin money
- Establish foreign policy
- Make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out delegated powers

Shared

- Maintain law and order
- Levy taxes
- Borrow money
- Charter banks
- Establish courts
- Provide for public welfare

State

- Establish and maintain schools
- Establish local governments
- Regulate business within the state
- Make marriage laws
- Provide for public safety
- Assume other powers not delegated to the national government or prohibited to the states

- Federal and State Power

- The powers delegated to the Federal Government are “few and defined.” While those that remain in the state governments are “numerous and indefinite.”

- James Madison



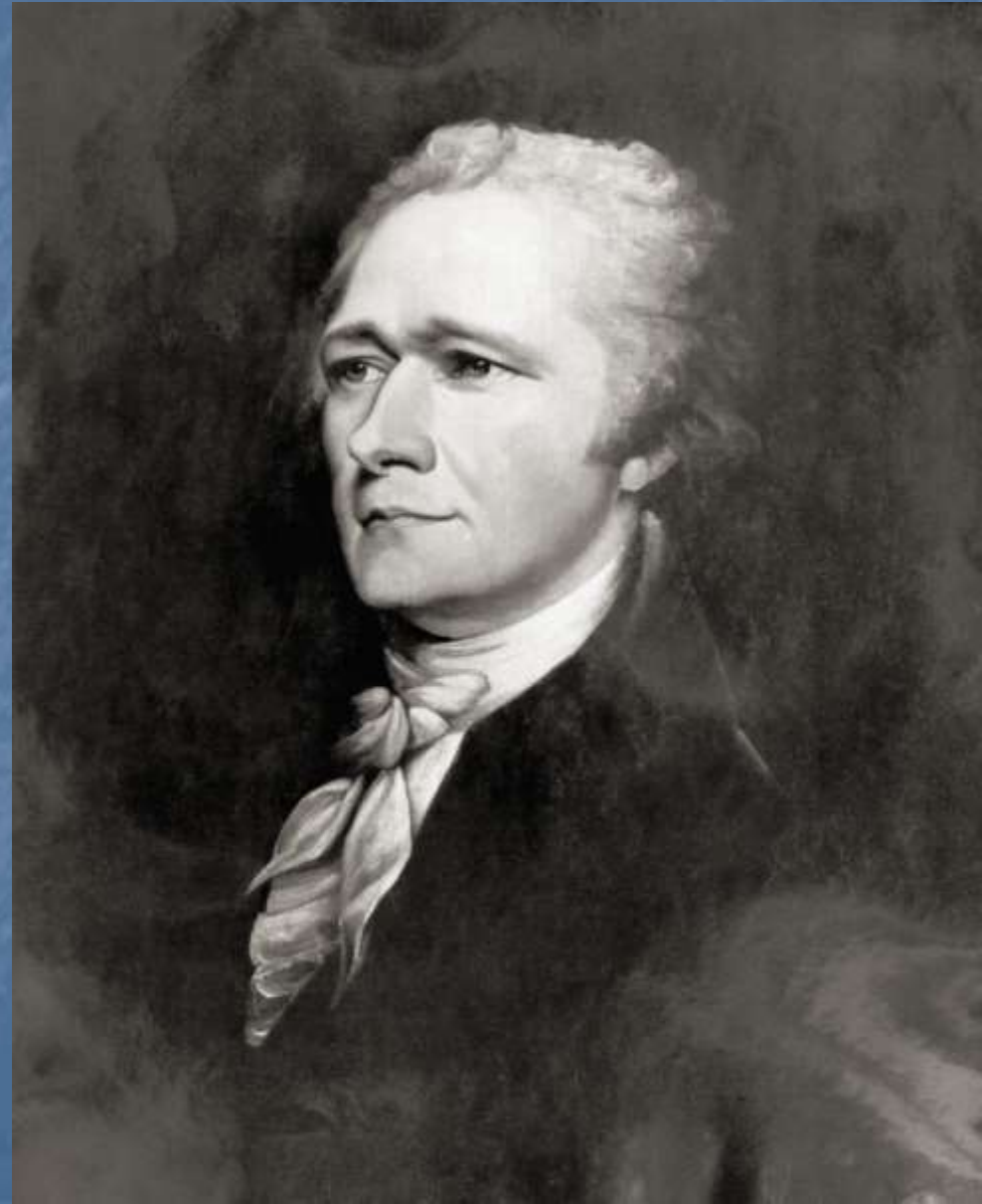
■ Checks and Balances

- A system for making sure that one department of government does not exceed its bounds

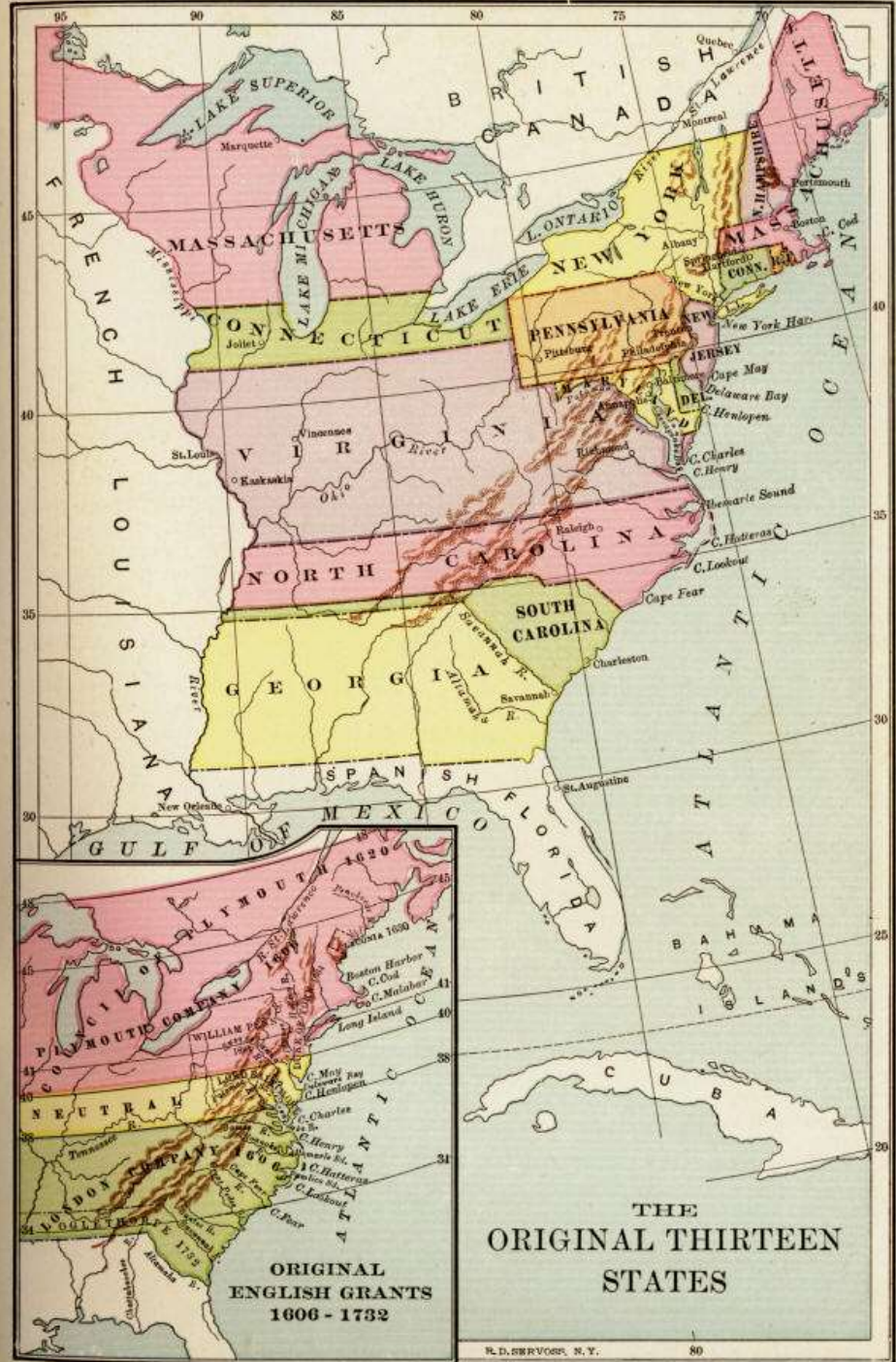


- “This balance between the nation and state governments...is of the utmost importance. It forms a double security to the people. If one encroaches on their rights, they will find a powerful protection in the other.”

- Alexander Hamilton

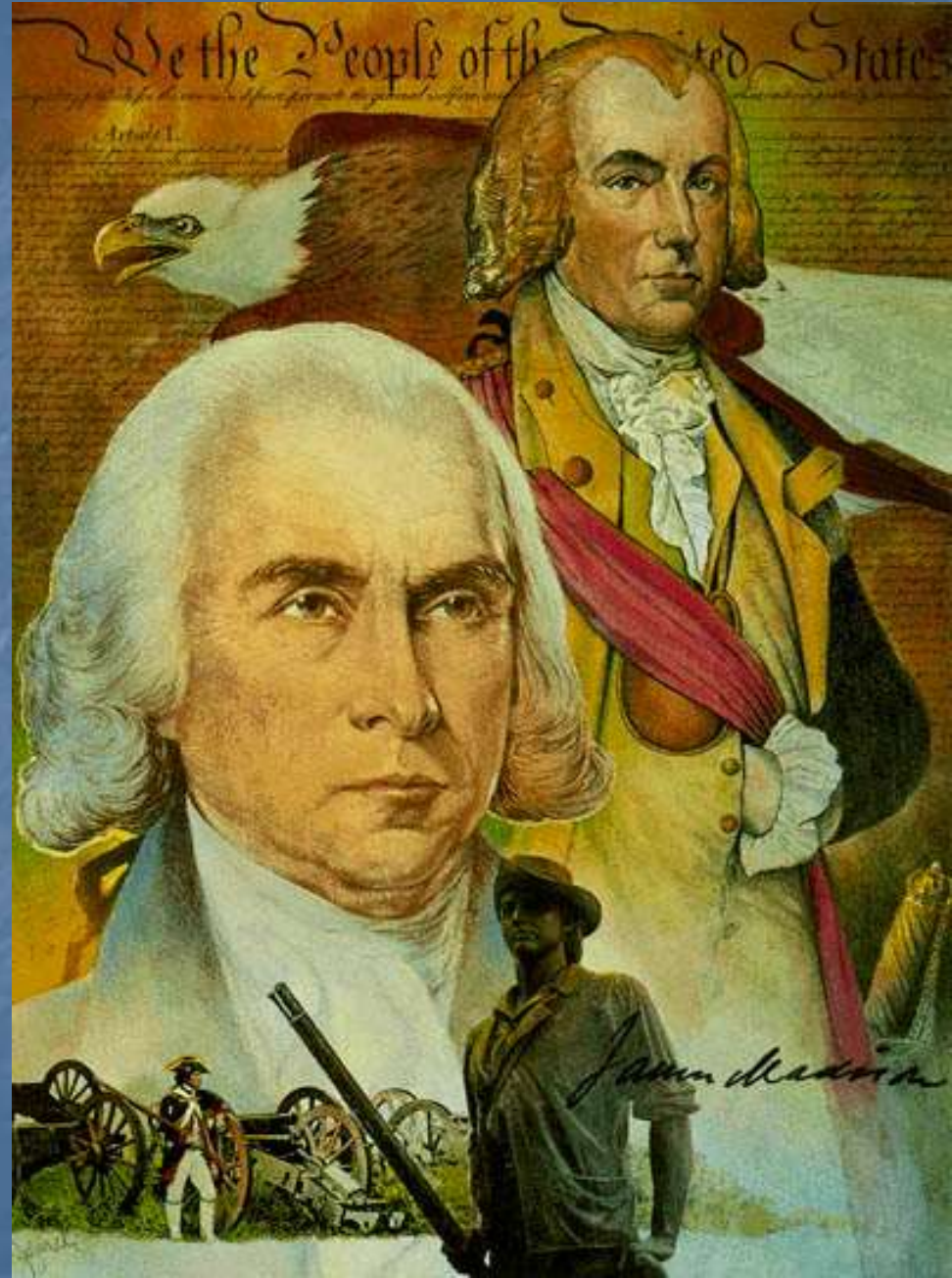


- Preeminence of the States
 - States
 - Created
 - Federal Government



- "...each of the principle branches of the federal government will owe its existence more or less to the favor of the State governments, and must consequently feel a dependence...."

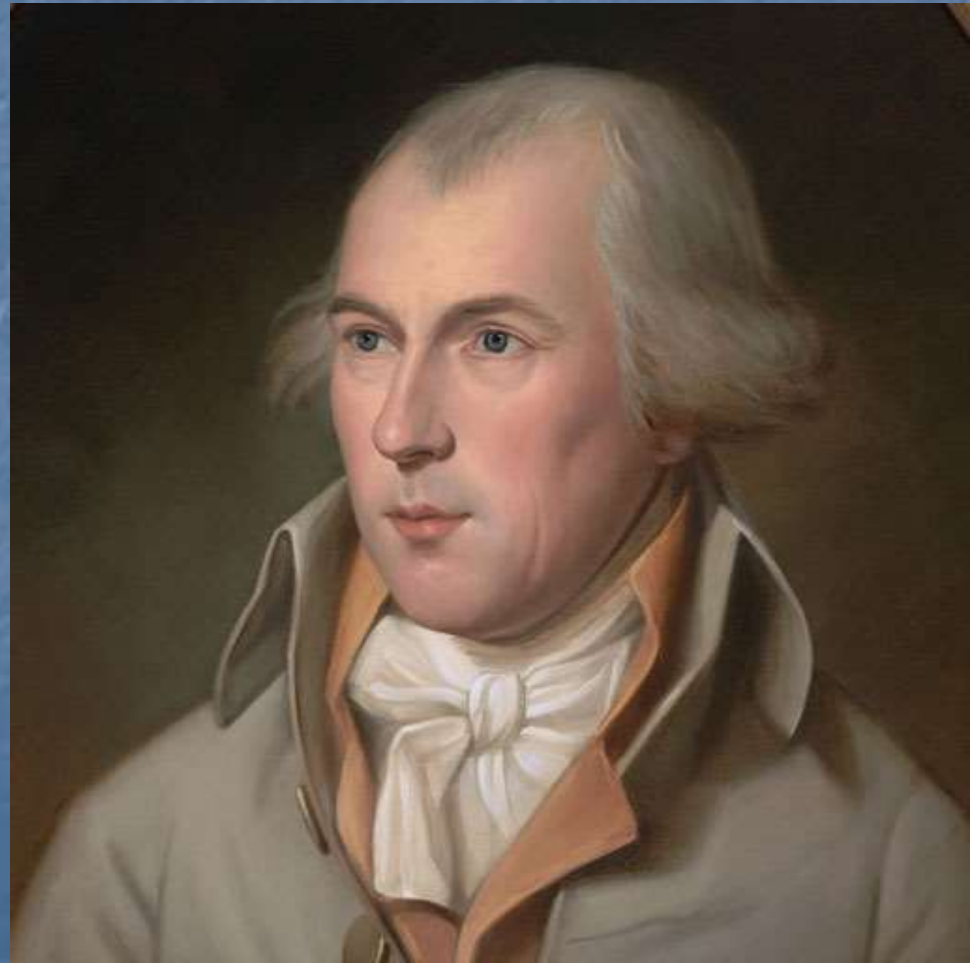
- James Madison



- Federal Government
 - Can only exercise powers that are granted by
 - Constitution

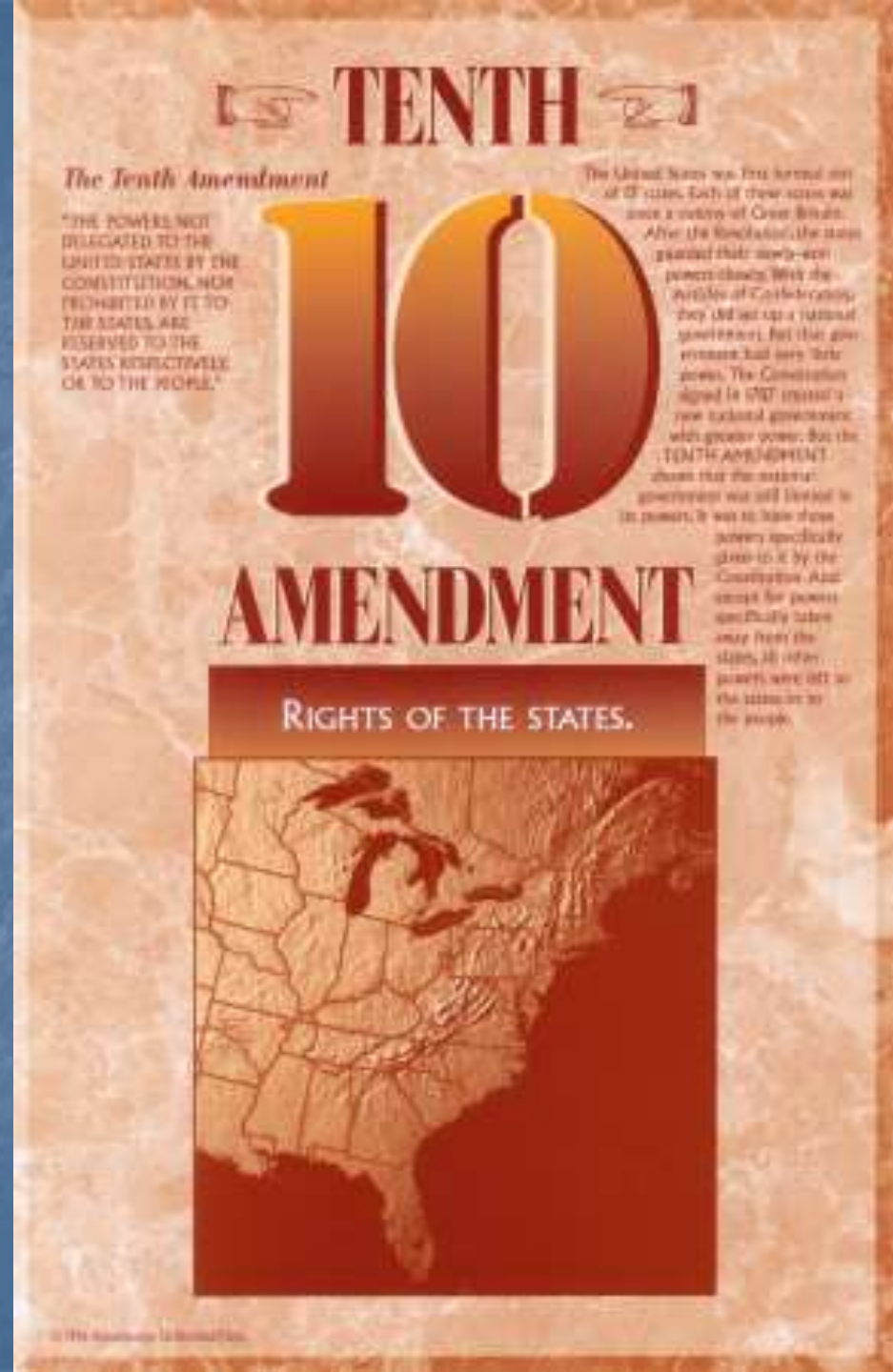


- "...the powers of the general government relate to external objects and are but few."
 - James Madison



- “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution...are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

- 10 Amendment



- State Competition
 - To be the
 - Best
 - Least oppressive

