

# The Constitution

**Directions:** You are to use the following definitions to create a study resource including definition and an image for each key term. Possibilities include

- flash cards (hard copy or digital)
- Quizlet
- Kahoot
- Any other teacher approved vocabulary study tools.

**word**

definition

image

**Thomas Jeffereson**

Author of the declaration of independence and third president of the U.S.

**Alexander Hamilton**

Federalist who created the first National Bank.

**John Jay**

Author of many Federalist papers and supporter of the new Constitution.

**Edmond Randolph**

Proposed the Virginia plan creating a strong national government favoring large states with large populations.

**James Madison**

Known as the father of the Constitution.

**The Constitution**

Written form of government we still operate under today.

**Federalist**

Supporters of the new  
Constitution.

**Antifederalist**

Those opposed to adopting  
the new constitution.

**sovereignty**

Having power over  
something i.e. government

**popular sovereignty**

Government by the consent  
of the governed (Authority of  
the people.)

**bicameral**

two houses (parts)

**confederation**

A voluntary association of independent states.

**ratify**

To approve of something.

**ordinance**

a law

**Daniel Shays**

Formal army soldier (war veteran) who leads a rebellion against unfair taxation.

**Roger Sherman**

Proposed the Connecticut Compromise creating a bicameral congress based on equality and population.

**federalism**

Sharing of power between national(federal) and state governments.

**checks and balances**

The ability of each branch of government to check the power of the other to ensure no one branch of government is too powerful.

**republicanism**

People have the power to choose their representatives in government.

**enumerated powers**

Powers specifically dedicated to the federal (national) government.

**concurrent powers**

Powers shared by both federal and state governments.

**reserved powers**

Powers that are held by the state governments