

Federalist & Anti-Federalists

- Heated debates within every state whether to sign and approve the Constitution.
- Two viewpoints:
 1. **Federalists** believed in a strong federal, or national, govt
 - felt the Constitution gave natl govt enough authority to function

- felt that the states still had enough power
- James Madison, Alexander Hamilton & John Jay wrote the *Federalist Papers* (series of essays)

2. Anti-Federalists believed in the states having more power; opposed the Constitution

- felt the Constitution gave too much power to natl govt
- felt the Con. gave the president too much power
- argued that the Con. had no bill of rights

- Patrick Henry and George Mason were Anti-federalists

- Constitution ratified (or approved) July 4, 1788

1st Election in 1789

President → George Washington

Vice-President → John Adams

Capitol → NYC