

WEEK 3

FEDERALISM

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

MARCH 13TH TO 19TH

On the 15th, in 1820, Maine becomes a State (23rd) being admitted as a Free state while Missouri would be admitted as a Slave State. The vote was close, as to whether the State would come in as a Commonwealth or a State. State won, it had only 5 letters (S-t-a-t-e) and would save on printing costs, with a vote of 119 to 113 by the state legislative body. This came on the heels of the Missouri Compromise being passed by Congress.



On the 16th in 1751, James Madison is born, the oldest of 12 children; growing to become a statesman, diplomat, philosopher and Founding Father, and finally serving as the fourth president of the United States (1809 to 1817). In our view, one of his greatest contributions, is in his identification as the **"Father of the Constitution"**. Madison was a Federalist and supporter of a Strong Federal government, with the caveat that there would be a system of checks and balances. Yet later, he and Jefferson would band together forming the Democratic-Republican Party favoring States Rights by opposing the proposal for a national bank. As a politician, he often fought for **religious freedom**.

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people."

- JAMES MADISON

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary."

- JAMES MADISON (*Federalist Papers*)

On the 17th St. Patrick's Day, originated as a day focused on a day of prayer and reflection in the 9th or 10th century Ireland. Later as Irish immigrants came to the USA, the holiday took on new celebration as we see it today. A holiday fitted with a party-centric flair, green food and drinks in abundance. Green is clearly the color of choice today, having evolved from blue. As a child, if you didn't wear green, you ran the risk of getting pinched (but only by the Leprechauns). We all knew Leprechauns were real.

From the 17th to the 18th is Holi, the festival of colors aka the **"Festival of Love"** and the **"Festival of Colours"** and the **"Festival of Spring"**. An ancient India tradition that is celebrated with enthusiasm. Celebrations begin with the lighting of a bonfire the day before the day of Holi, as this symbolizes the triumph of good over bad.

