

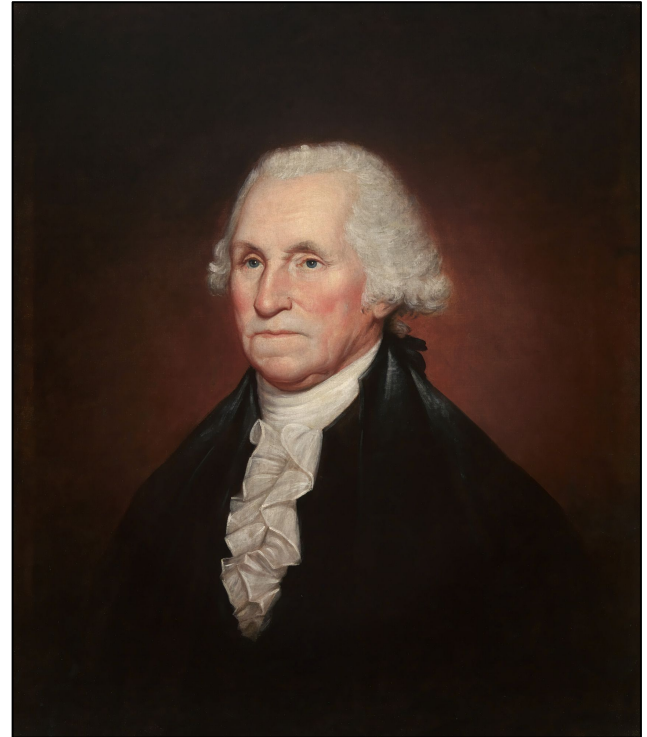
The Founding Fathers



Let's explore some of the important ideas of the Founding Fathers.

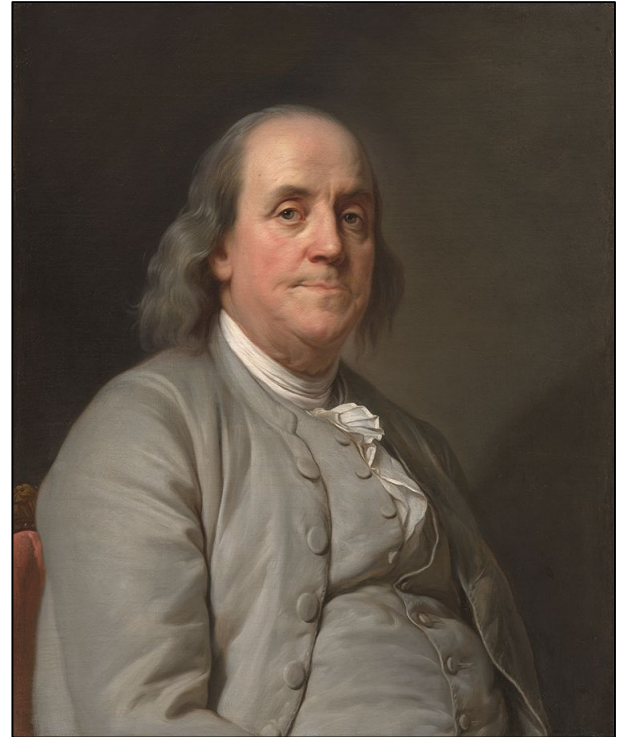
George Washington

It was important to Washington that everyone worked together on decisions. He thought unity (being joined together) was important for the country.



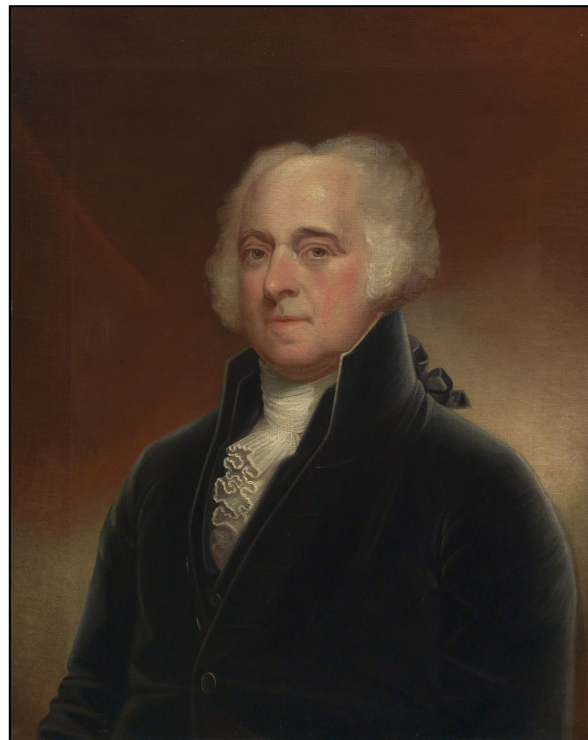
Benjamin Franklin

It was important to Franklin for citizens to be involved in their communities. He thought citizens should have responsibilities to benefit the community. Education and learning were also important to him.



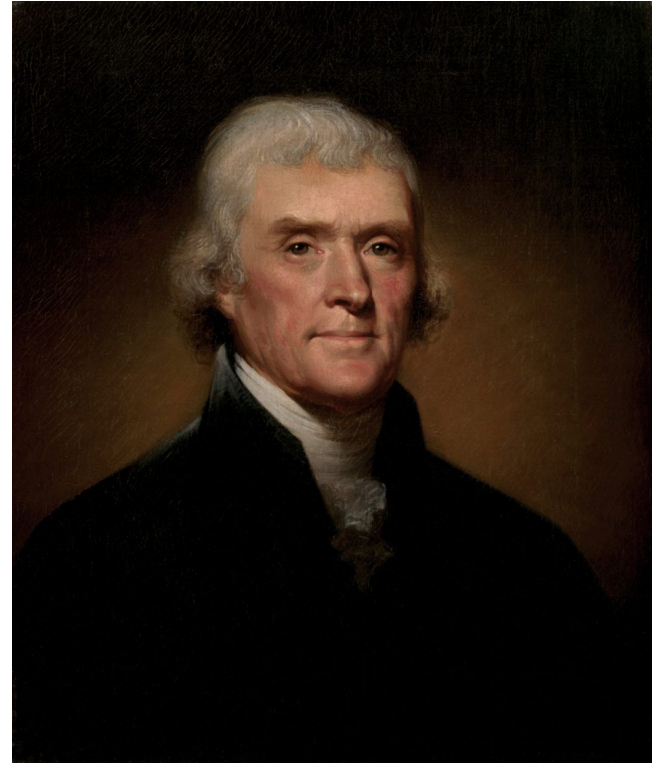
John Adams

It was important to Adams that our government have checks and balances, or making sure one person or group does not have all the power in making decisions.



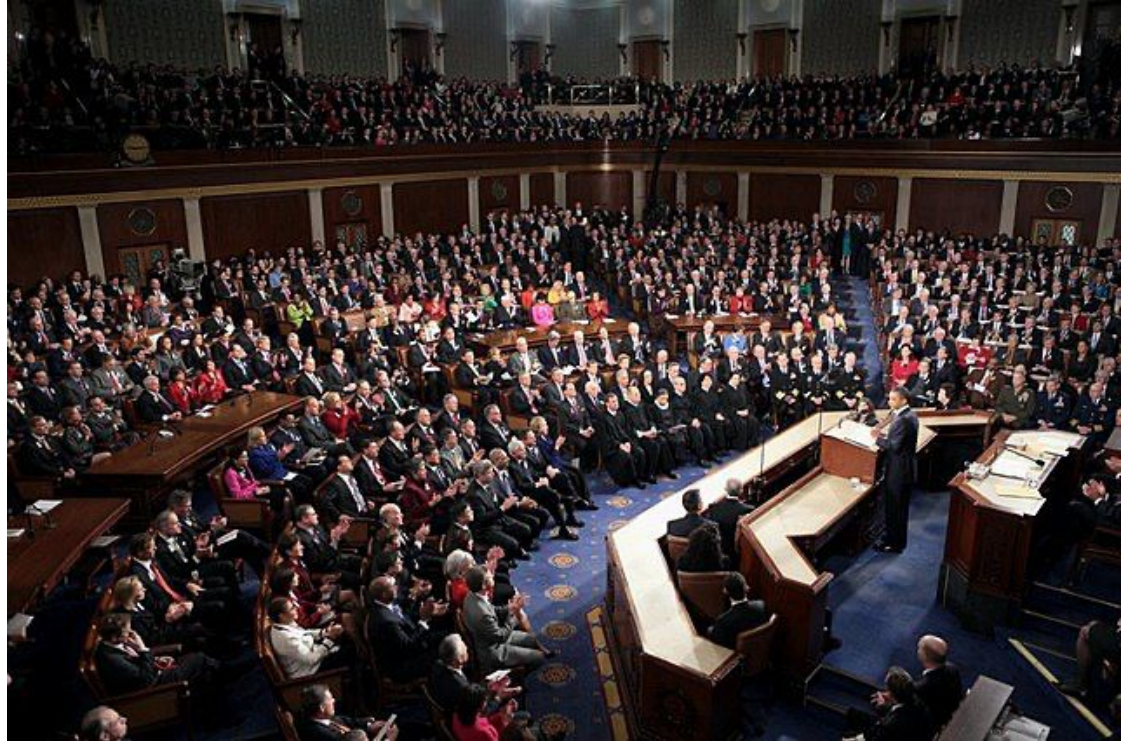
Thomas Jefferson

It was important to Jefferson that citizens' rights be protected. He worked hard to share his ideas about changes to make to the Constitution to protect these rights.



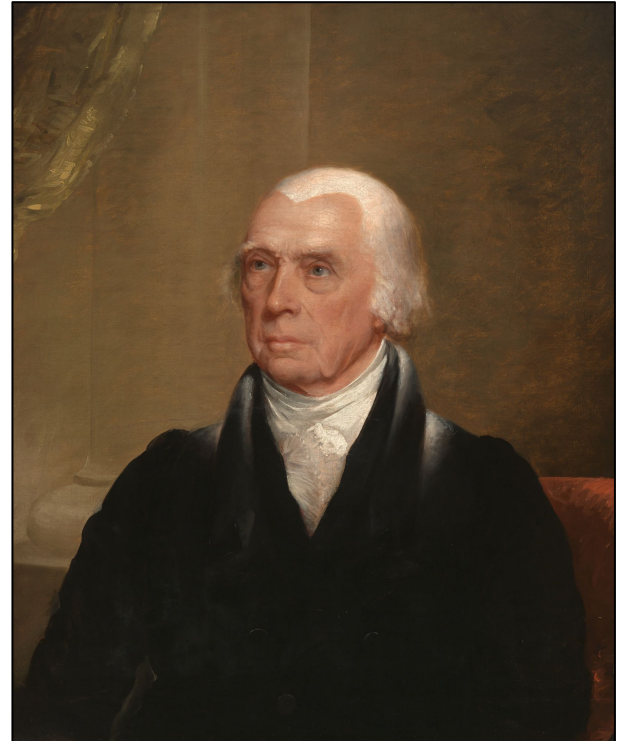
Congress Today

Today our Congress has a wide variety of voices that need to be heard. The United States Congress has people from all 50 states. These elected officials practice responsible decision-making skills every day.



James Madison

Madison was known as the “Father of the Constitution”. He talked about the importance of “the work of many heads and many hands” and not “the offspring of a single brain”.



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