

# James Madison Raps!

**All your funky social studies teachers say:**

James Freakin' Madison!  
Wrote the Con-stitut-I-yon!  
Fourth prez of US-A!  
Hus - band to Doll-I-yay!  
Wrote checks and balances  
To Wreck tyrants palaces  
America's original ball-er  
In Indy-pendy Holl-er

[James Madison](#) is a national treasure! Almost 200 years after his death he still has a [historical house](#), [think tank](#), [state capital](#), and a [university](#) (Go Dukes!) And let's not forget the [Federalist Papers](#) and U.S. [Constitution](#) he left for us to look after. Do the following:

- ☐ For fun take this ten question quiz to see if your [vocabulary](#) is as big as James "Little Jemmy" Madison's.
- ☐ [Read Federalist # 51](#) and using James Madison's words (NOT YOURS) find **direct quotes** from Madison to answer the following questions.
  - **What is the best kind of government?**
  - **What is human nature?**
  - **How should we guard against tyranny?**
- ☐ Complete the [Foundational Documents Graphic Organizer](#) for Fed. No. 51.
- ☐ Write a rap, poem or song about James Madison. You could write about his life, wife, presidency, [height](#) (5'4" - shortest POTUS), Federalist Papers, Constitution, beliefs, dance career (Dancing with the Framers! on ABC), or any other aspect of his life. Whatever you write about, **be sure to include at least two rhymes explaining how Madison's ideas continue to influence the American political system today**. If you want, you can **post your lyrics on the [James Madison Raps Google Docs page](#)**. Or, if you want to be student of the year, you can record your work or **perform your rap live in class - BOOOOOOYYYYYYY!!!**

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