

James Madison

James Madison was the fourth President of the United States. Born on March 16th, 1751 near Port Conway, Virginia. He was one of 12 children. His father was a tobacco farmer and the family lived on plantation named Montpelier. He was tutored at home before going to the College of New Jersey, which is now called Princeton University, in 1769. He served as a colonel in the militia, but due to his poor health, he never would serve in battle. He would go on to serve as a Delegate to the Congress of the Confederation and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Madison would draft the Virginia Plan, during the Philadelphia Convention in 1787. The Virginia Plan would later serve as the outline for the U.S. Constitution. For his contributions, Madison is often referred to as "Father of the Constitution." He would also help found the Democratic-Republican Party in 1792. In 1794, Madison would marry Dolley Payne and adopt her son, John Payne. During the Jefferson Presidency, 1801-1809, Madison would serve as Secretary of State. While serving in this role, Madison would help Jefferson to make the Louisiana Purchase. In 1809,

Jefferson to make the Louisiana Purchase. In 1809, Madison would start his Presidency, he would go on to serve for eight years. In June of 1812, he would ask Congress to go to war. This war would be

known as the War of 1812. The war would end in 1814, with the signing on the Treaty of Ghent. Madison had

helped establish the United States as a world power. He

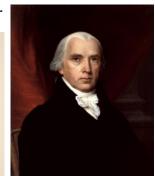
would retire to Montpelier. He would go on to help

Thomas Jefferson establish the University of Virginia. James Madison died on at Montpelier

on June 28th, 1836.

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Place of Birth:	
Date of Birth:	President of the United States
First Lady:	Years Served:
Terms Served: Party:	
Fun Facts:	

Timeline —	
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1787	
1792	
1801	
1812	
1836	
Draw a picture of an event in James' life:	
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Using the letters of James Madison make up new words:

-Writing Prompt ———
James Madison helped shape the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is the first ten amendments, an article added to the Constitution. Madison proposed 20 potential amendments, some of which were later ratified.
What amendment would you add to the Bill of Rights?
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