*“I proceed to inquire whether the federal government or the State governments will have the advantage with regard to the predilection and support of the people. Notwithstanding the different modes in which they are appointed, we must consider both of them as substantially dependent on the great body of the citizens of the United States…*

*The federal and State governments are in fact but different agents and trustees of the people, constituted with different powers, and designed for different purposes. The adversaries of the Constitution seem to have lost sight of the people altogether in their reasonings on this subject; and to have viewed these different establishments…only as mutual rivals and enemies…”*

James Madison- “The Federalist Papers, 46”

**What was a Federalist?**

Definition of the Federalists

Definition: The Federalists were the first American political party and formed by Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury, John Adams and Gouverneur Morris. The Federalists believed in the ideas of nationalism and industrialization.

What did the Federalists believe?

All the leading statesmen and politicians wanted to give new Constitution a fair trial and they supported George Washington as an impartial, independent President. But the politicians had wildly different ideas about the government of the new nation. The Federalists believed that the new central government, and the wealthy, well-educated classes, should be given the greatest possible amount of power in the government. The Anti-Federalists, who would emerge as the Democratic-Republican Party led by Thomas Jefferson, believed that the vast majority of ordinary, less educated people, had the common sense and the skills required to run the new government.

What did the Federalists believe?

Many of the wealthy Federalists had roots in the British system of monarchy and were brought up to believe that the government should be run by the elite. The idea that the government could be run by ordinary people was completely alien to them. The Federalists believed in the concepts of nationalism and industrialization. For additional facts and information refer to the Federalist Papers.

Please answer each question in a sentence or more. 5 points each

1. James Madison was a Federalist and the main author of the Constitution. In your own words, what   
was a Federalist?

2. From the text, do you think James Madison believes that the people of our country should support   
the federal government or state governments more? Explain.

**Answers should be written on lined paper. Please staple the question paper to your lined paper   
when you turn in this assignment.**