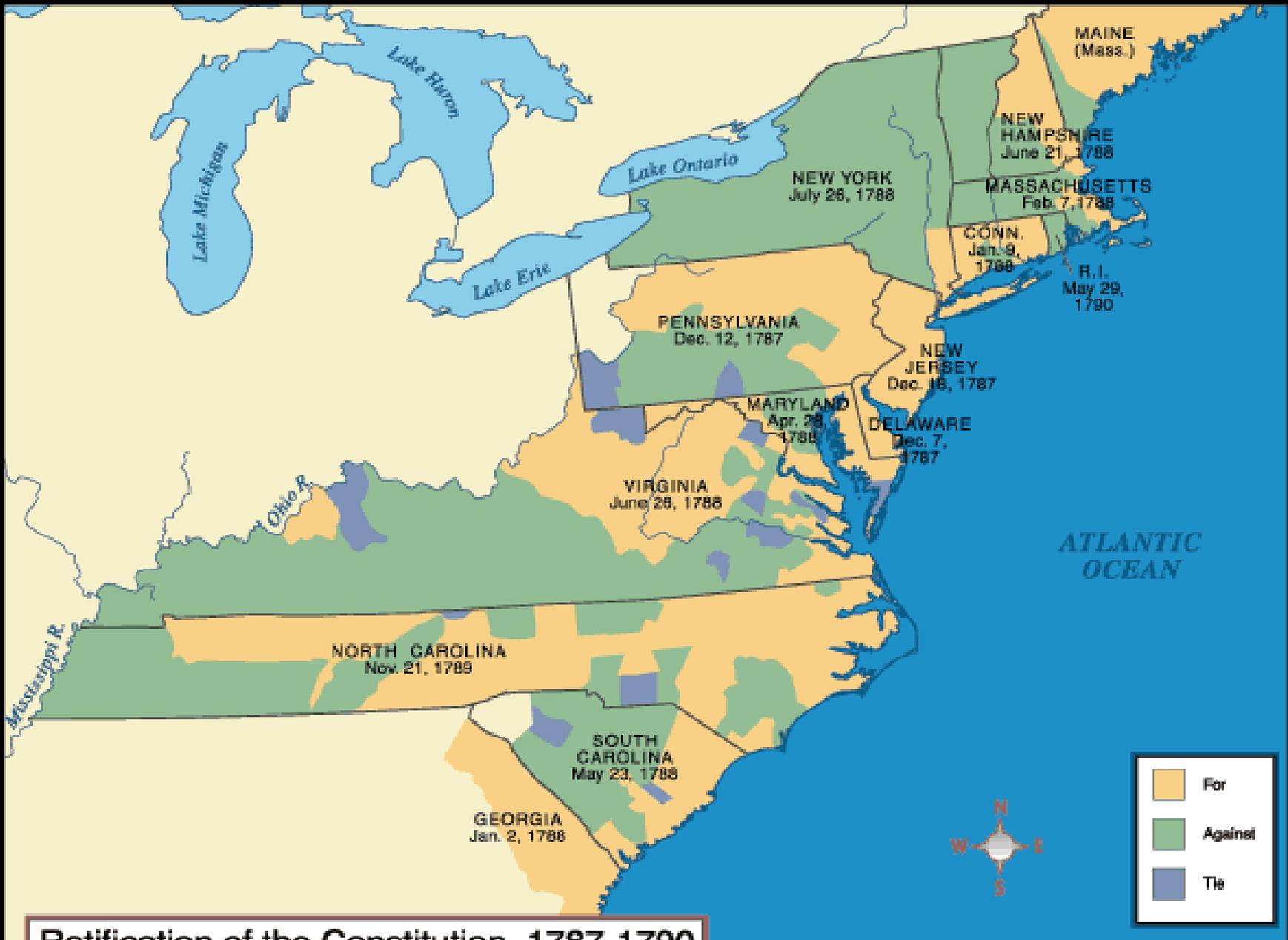


A New Beginning:

Our nation under the Constitution in the
late 1700's and early 1800's



Ratification of the Constitution, 1787-1790



President George Washington

Cabinet:-- Secretary of War Henry Knox

--Secretary of Treasury Alexander Hamilton—
wanted a STRONG NATIONAL government

--Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson--wanted
a WEAK NATIONAL government (more
power given to the States)

Did you know...

George Washington's mouth was full of dentures -- so he had a thing about dental care. He made sure every one of his six horses had their teeth brushed daily.

Hamilton vs. Jefferson

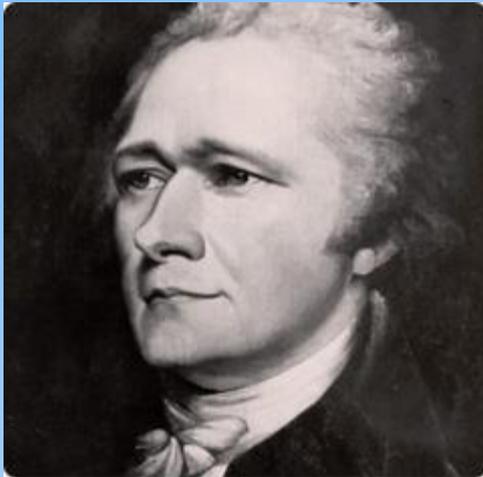
National bank to issue bank notes and collect taxes	Federal government did not have power to develop a national bank
Favored high protective tariffs	Protective tariffs unconstitutional; hurt farmers
Federal govt. assume (pay) the states' war debt	Many southern states already paid debt
Broad (loose) construction of Constitution	Strict construction of Constitution

** Washington sided with Hamilton and created a National Bank of the US.

Political Parties

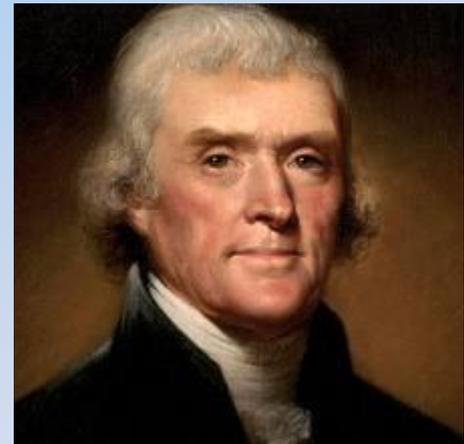
Federalists

- Hamilton supporters became Federalists.
- Believed in strong central government
- Promoted Industry and trade
- Mainly from New England
- Low Country elite of SC did support the Federalists



Democratic Republicans

- Jefferson (and Madison) supporters became Democratic Republicans.
- Wanted majority of power to remain with the states.
- Up Country of SC supported the Democratic Republicans



Additional Issue... The French Revolution (Foreign Policy)

- Federalists
- Appalled by the bloodshed in France
- When France declared war on England, Federalists wanted to side with England.
- *Washington issues a Proclamation of Neutrality- US will remain neutral.
- Democratic Republicans
- Supported the French in the overthrow of their king.



1793: COTTON GIN AND KING COTTON

- What was South Carolina's economy based on before the Rev War?
- Try cotton: sea island/long staple and short staple
- Why was short staple better for South Carolina?
- Why did cotton become known as "King Cotton"?
- What is the problem with cotton?



Eli Whitney and the Cotton Gin

What effect did the cotton gin have on the South's economy and slavery?

Why do some historians say that slavery would have died a slow death in the South if the cotton gin had not been invented?