



Events: 1775-1817

Event	Year	Connection to Madison, if any
Second Continental Congress convenes	1775	
The Articles of Confederation adopted	1781	
Constitutional Convention convenes; Virginia Plan introduced	1787	
Many states ratify the Constitution, including N.Y., Va., and N.H. (the ninth state to do so)	1788	
Washington selected president by the Electoral College	1789	
First National Bank approved	1791	
Bill of Rights ratified	1791	
Washington declares U.S. neutral in conflict between Britain and France	1793	
Jay's Treaty	1794	
Washington warns against partisanship in farewell address	1796	
Alien and Sedition Acts	1798	
Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions declare Alien and Sedition Acts unconstitutional	1798	
Jefferson becomes president	1801	
Louisiana Purchase	1803	

Supreme Court establishes Principle of Judicial Review in Marbury v. Madison	1803	
Lewis and Clark set out from St. Louis	1804	
U.S. embargo of exports to Britain and France	1806	
The Non-Intercourse Act prohibits imports from Britain and France	1808	
U.S. declares war against Britain	1812	
Congress charts the Second Bank of the United States	1816	
Construction of Erie Canal begins	1817	