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Forming a New Government Basics



George Washington presided over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787. This image, *Washington as a Statesman*, by Junius Brutus Stearns (1810-1885) was created in 1856. It is courtesy of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia, and Wikimedia Commons.

Forming a New Government Vocabulary



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After the **ratification** of the Constitution, elections were held for the members of the new government.



This photograph shows the sheriff of James City County, Virginia posting a notice of an upcoming election. This image is courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg.

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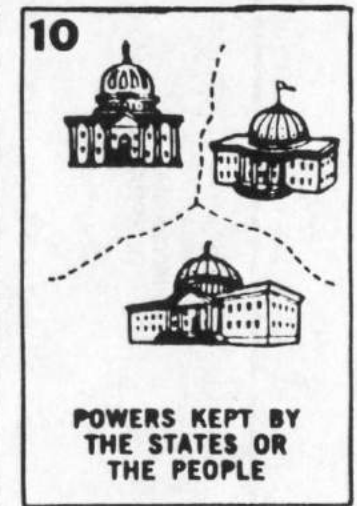


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The Bill of Rights describes the powers and the rights of American citizens.

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The first **cabinet** included several outstanding men that were very important to the United States.



During Washington's first year in office, the federal government employed approximately 200 people. The Attorney General, Edmund Randolph, filled a part time position without any employees. This image is courtesy of fineartamerica.com.

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If a law is ruled to be **unconstitutional**, then it is not a law.



This image shows a gavel and court minutes that were on display at the Minnesota Judicial Center. This image was taken by Jonathunder on April 17, 2008. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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The **national debt** occurred at this time because the United States owed millions of dollars to foreign governments and individual citizens to finance the American Revolution.



American General Benjamin Lincoln appears mounted on a white horse. He extends his right hand toward the sword carried by Charles O'Hara, who heads the long line of troops that extends into the background. To the left, French officers appear standing and mounted beneath the white banner of the royal Bourbon family. On the right are American officers beneath the Stars and Stripes. General George Washington, riding a brown horse, stayed in the background because Lord Cornwallis himself was not present for the surrender. This image was painted by John Trumbull (1756-1843) in 1820. It is courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.

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FAMOUS WHISKEY INSURRECTION IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1794

In this drawing titled, *Famous Whiskey Insurrection in Pennsylvania*, a tax collector has been tarred and feathered, and is being ridden out of town on a rail. It was created circa 1880. This image is from the book: *Our First Century: Being a Popular Descriptive Portraiture of the One Hundred Great and Memorable Events of Perpetual Interest in the History of our Country*. The artist is unknown. It was published in 1882 by R. M. Devens of Springfield, Massachusetts. It is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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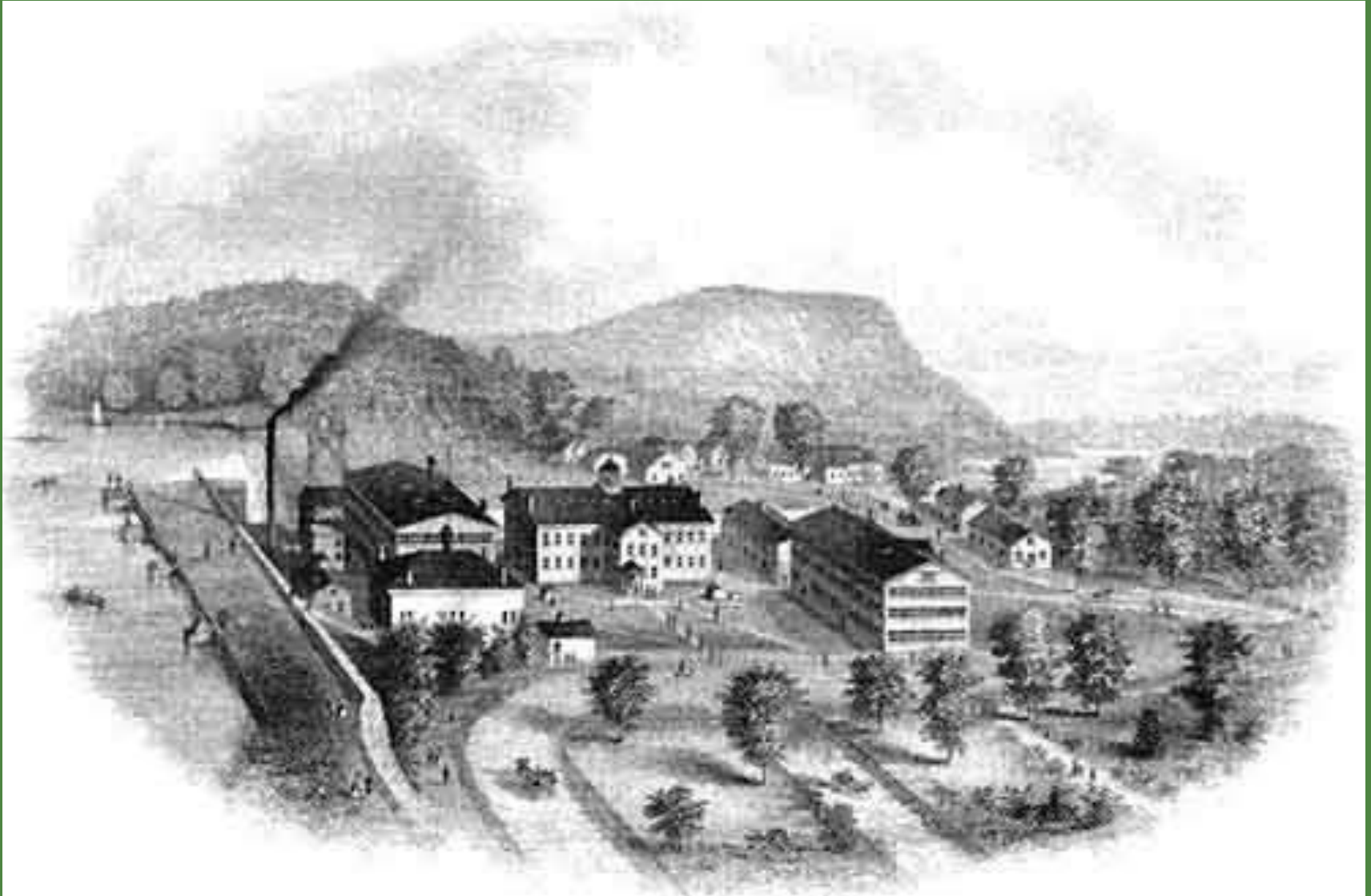
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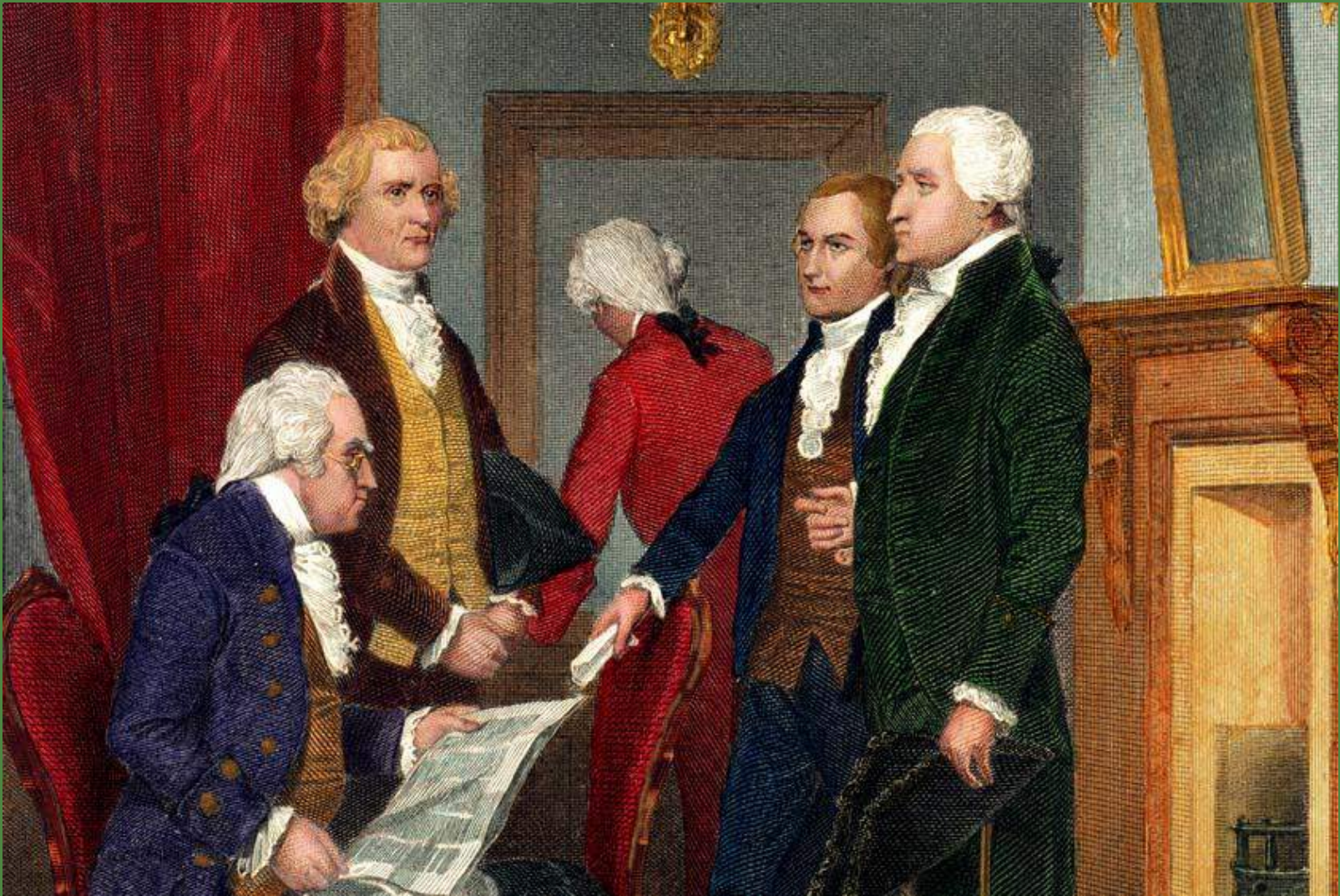
Besides raising money for the government, the **tariff** would make foreign goods more expensive to purchase.



It was hoped that the higher prices on foreign goods would encourage the growth of American industries. This image shows Eli Whitney's firearms factory in New Haven, Connecticut. He started the factory in 1798. This image is courtesy of eliwhitney.org.

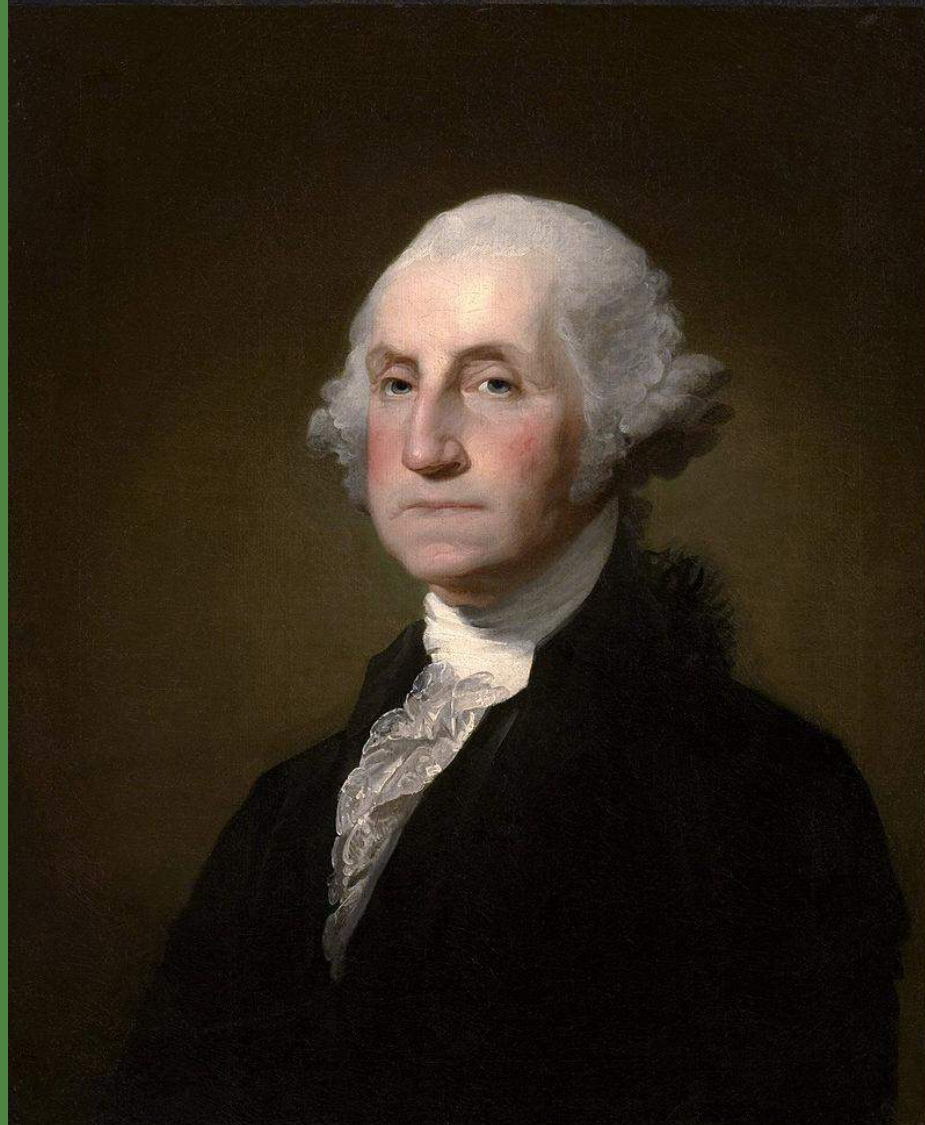
Forming a New Government

People to Meet



President George Washington's first cabinet included from left to right: Secretary of War Henry Knox, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Attorney General Edmund Randolph, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, and President George Washington. This image courtesy of presidentgeorgewashington.wordpress.com.

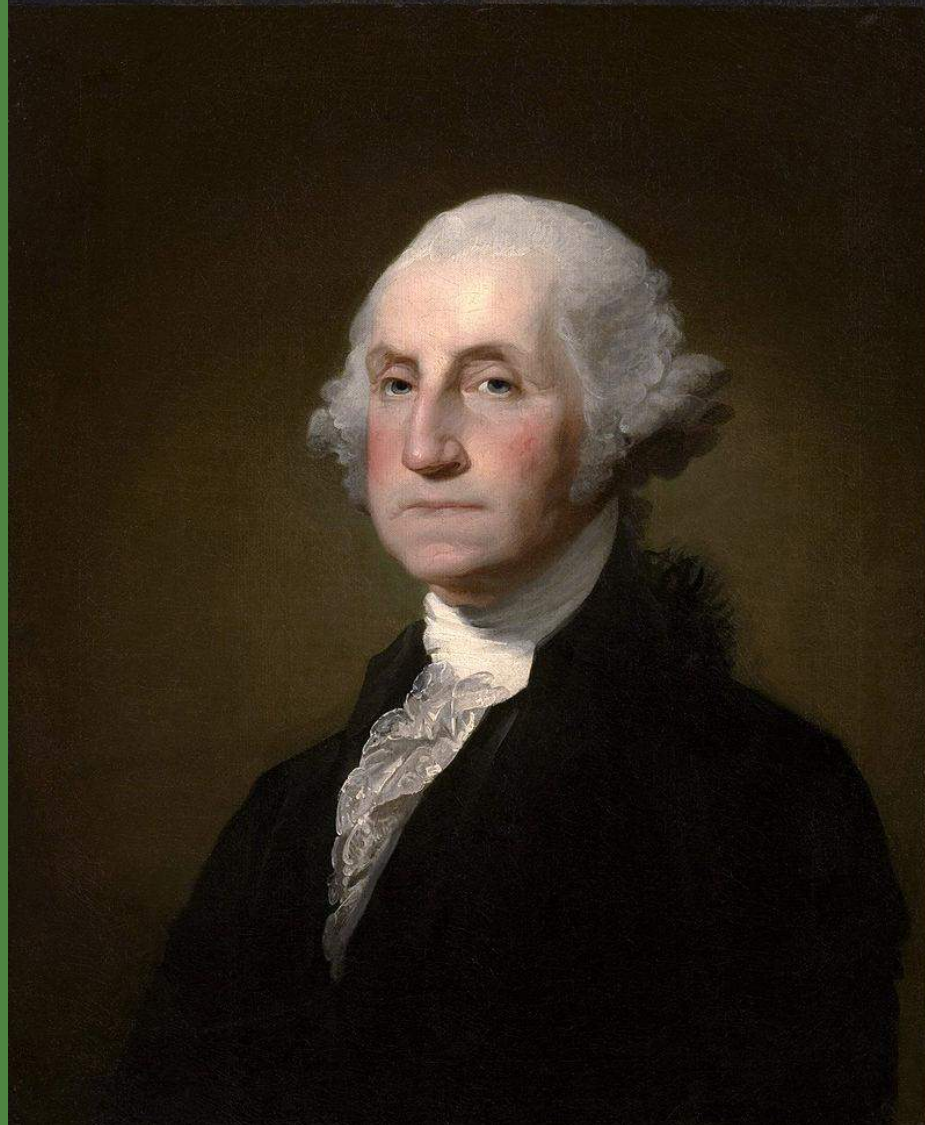
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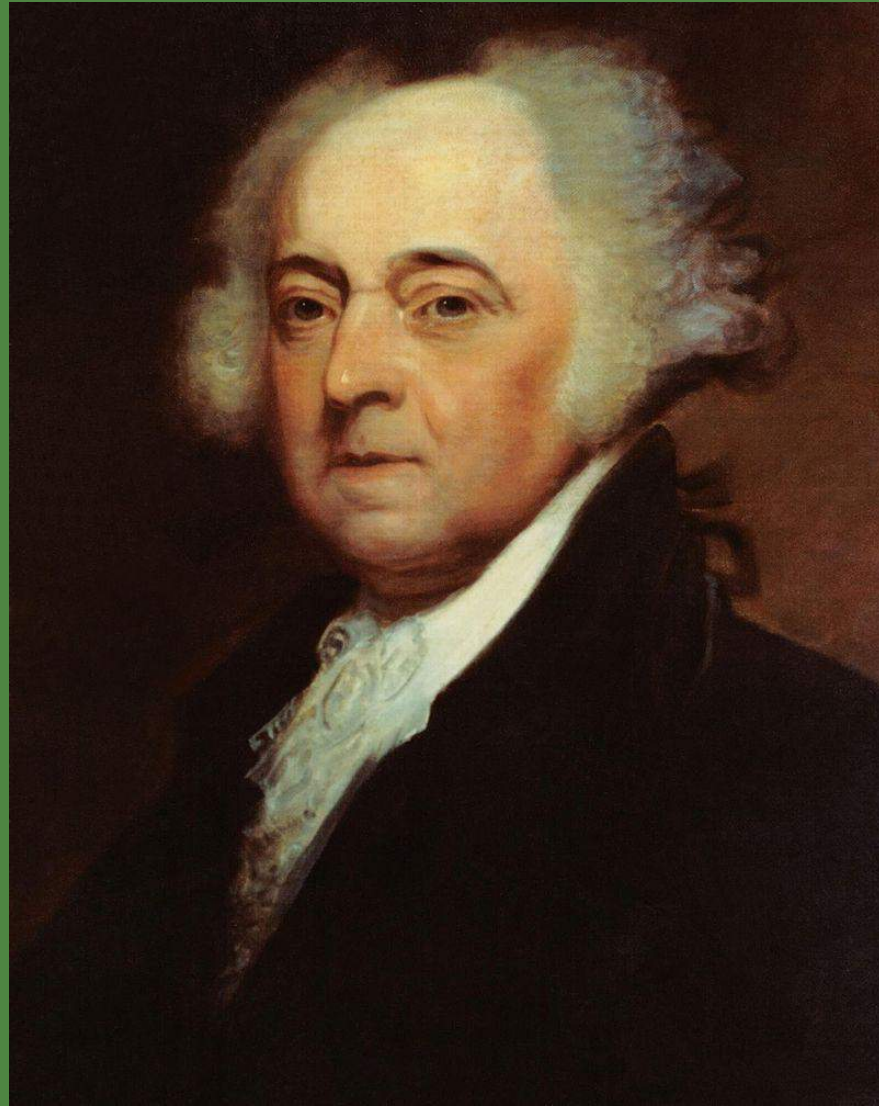
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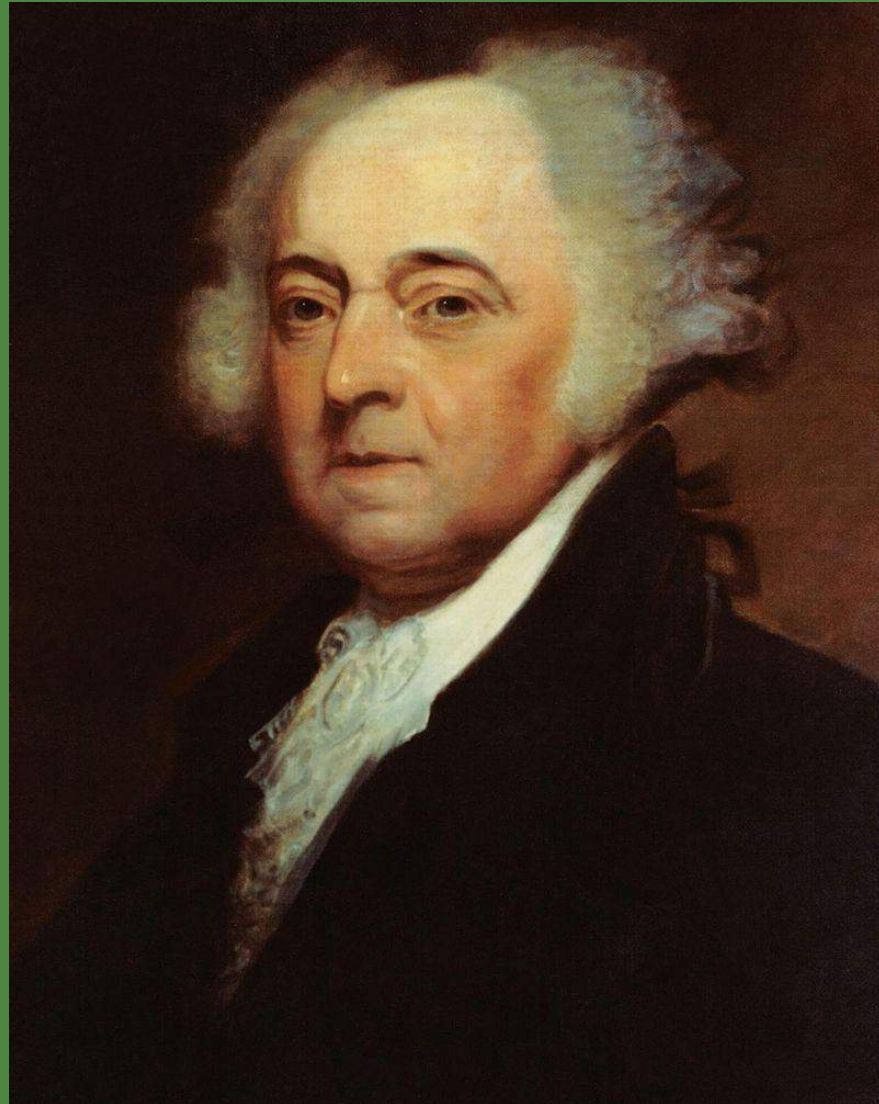
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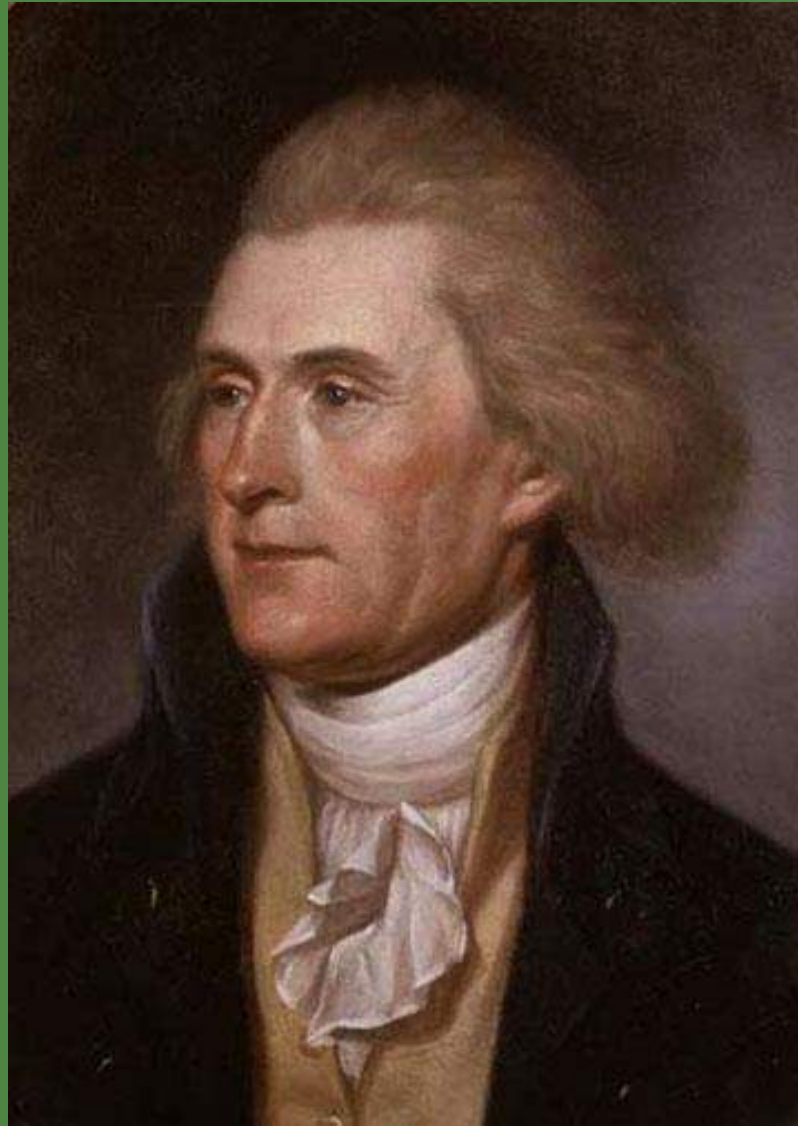
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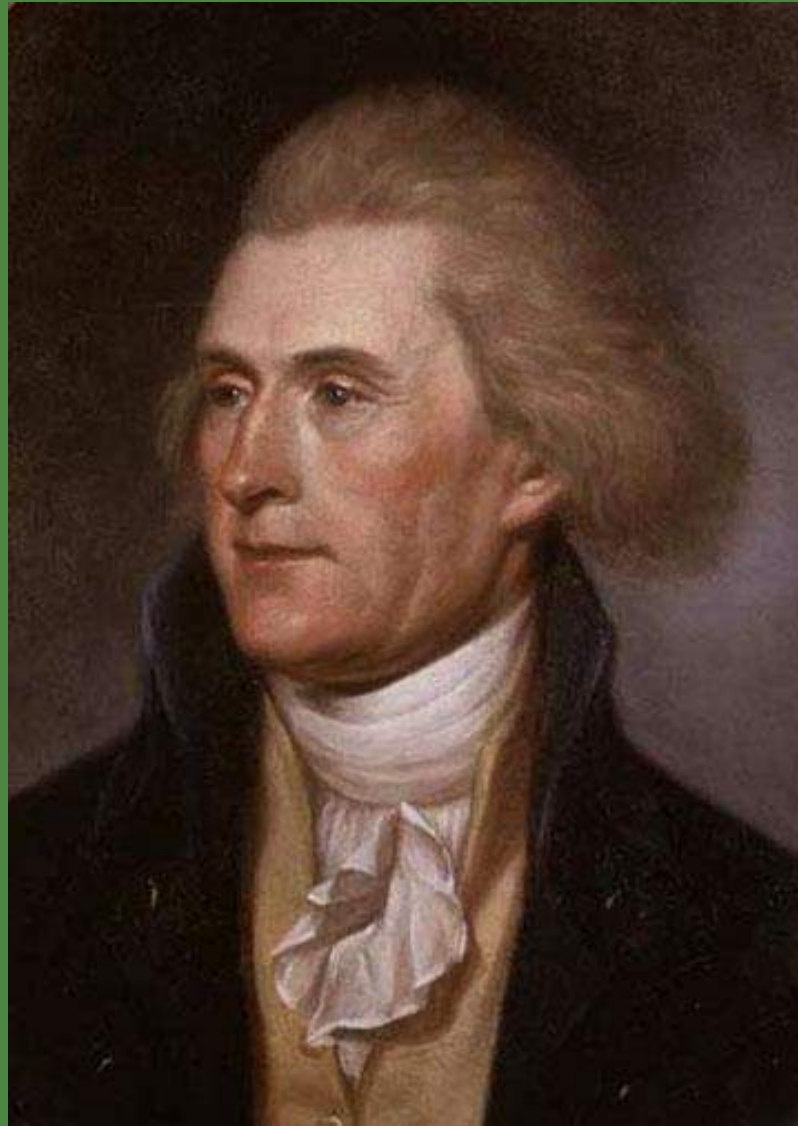
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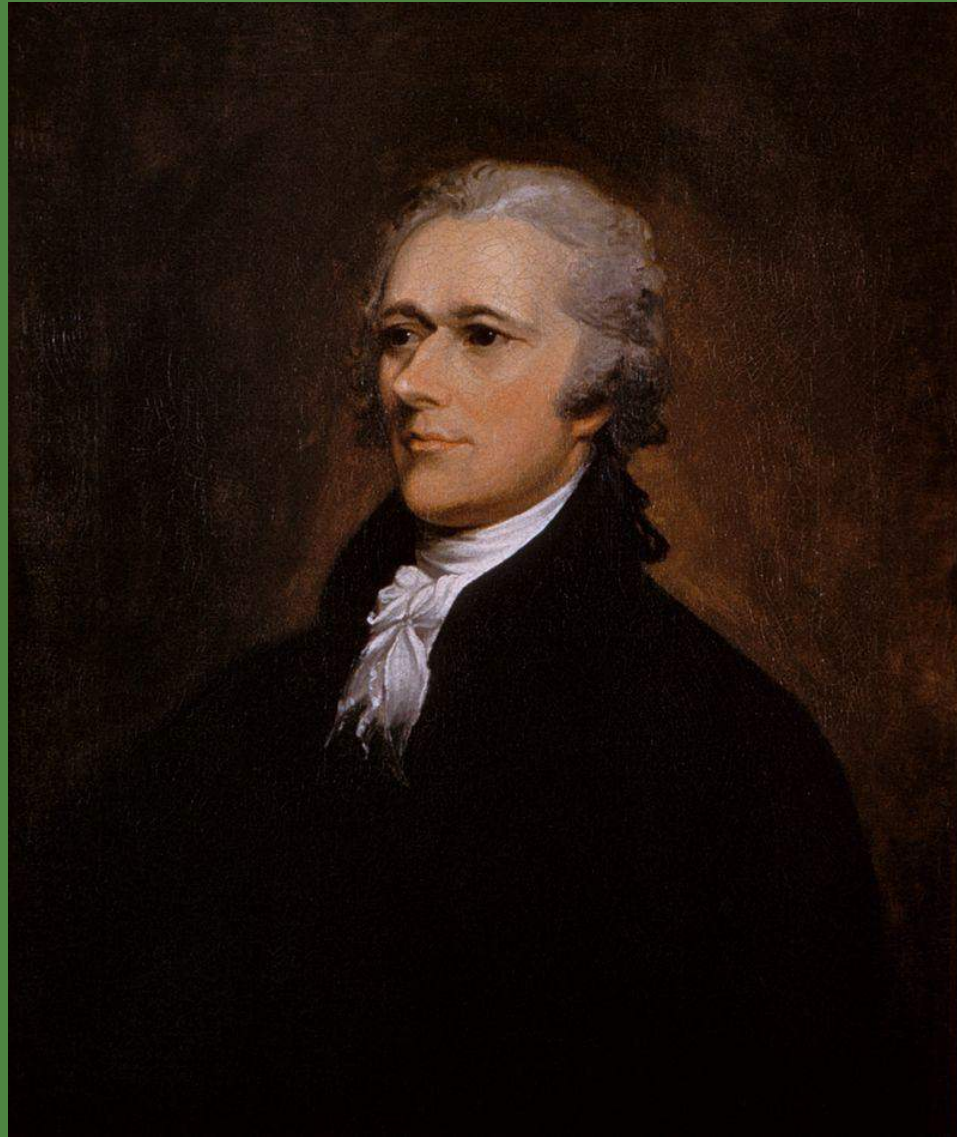
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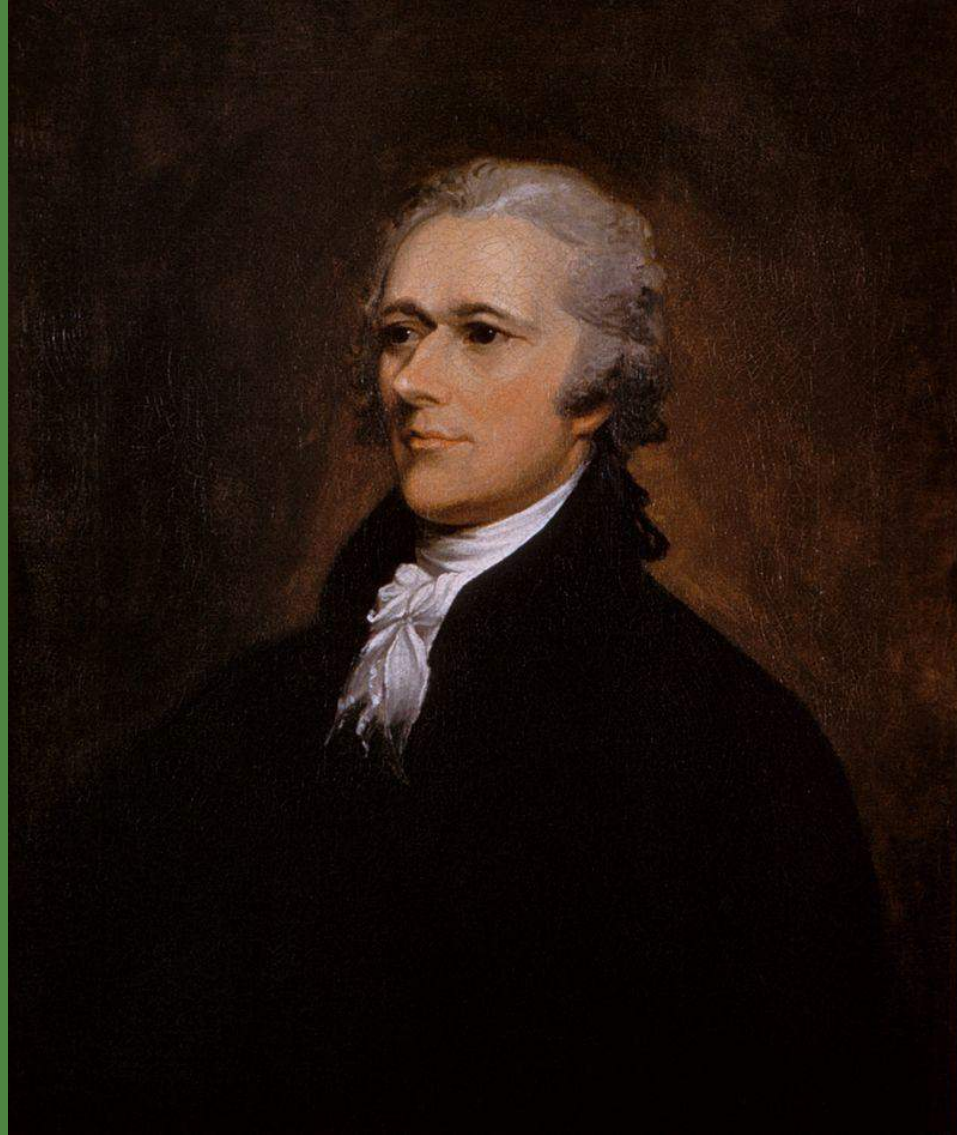
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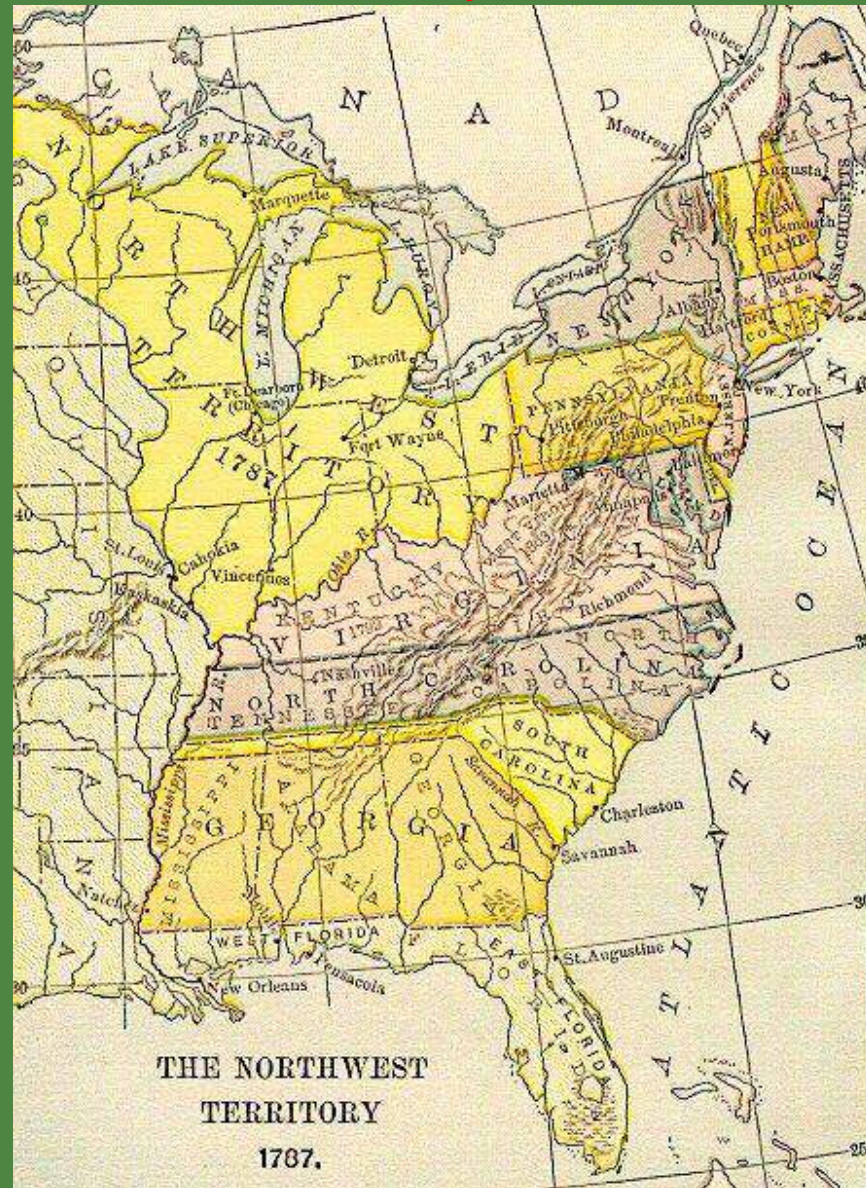
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Forming a New Government Maps



This image shows the United States and its territories in 1787. The image is courtesy of earlyamerica.com.

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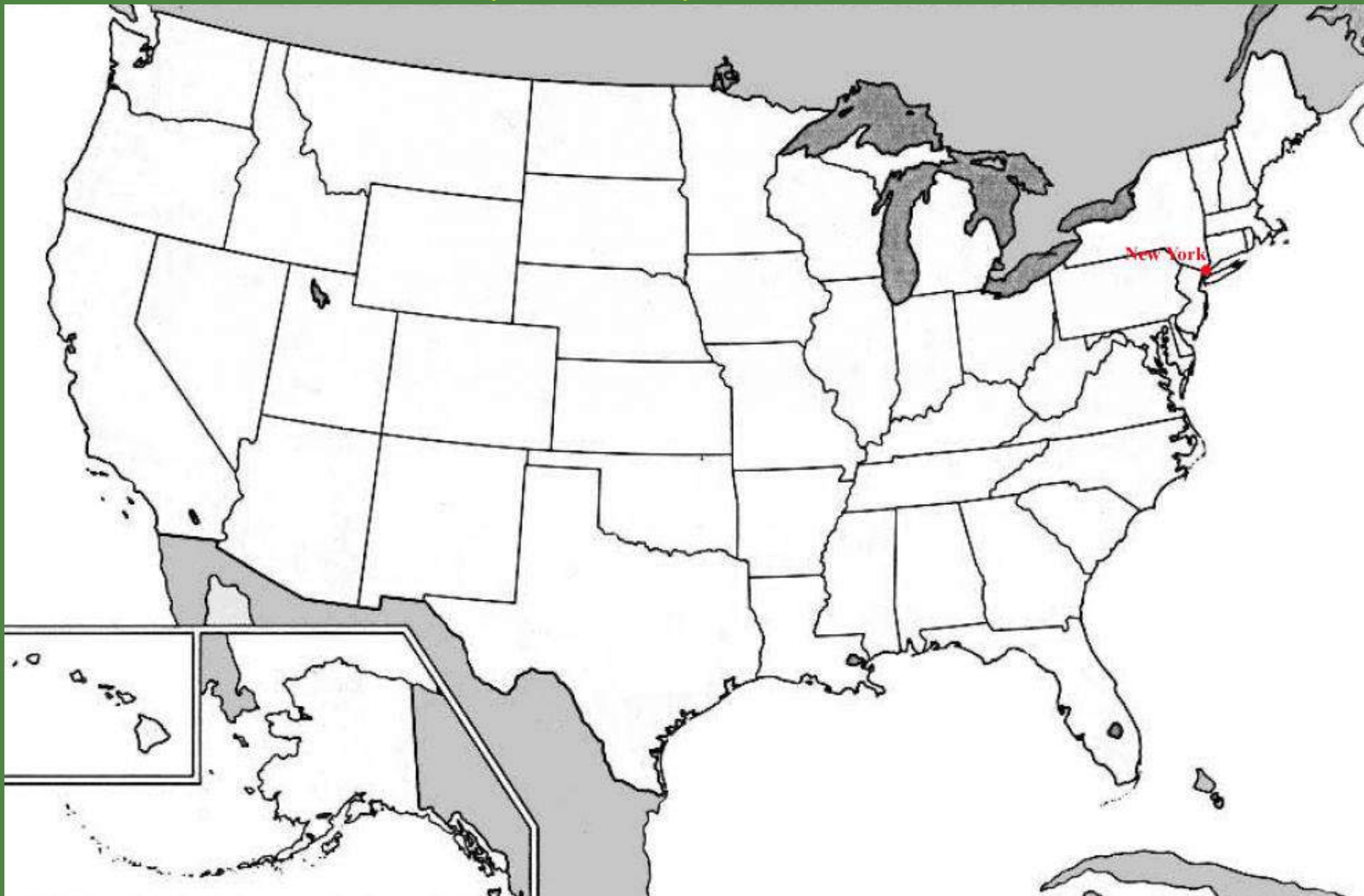
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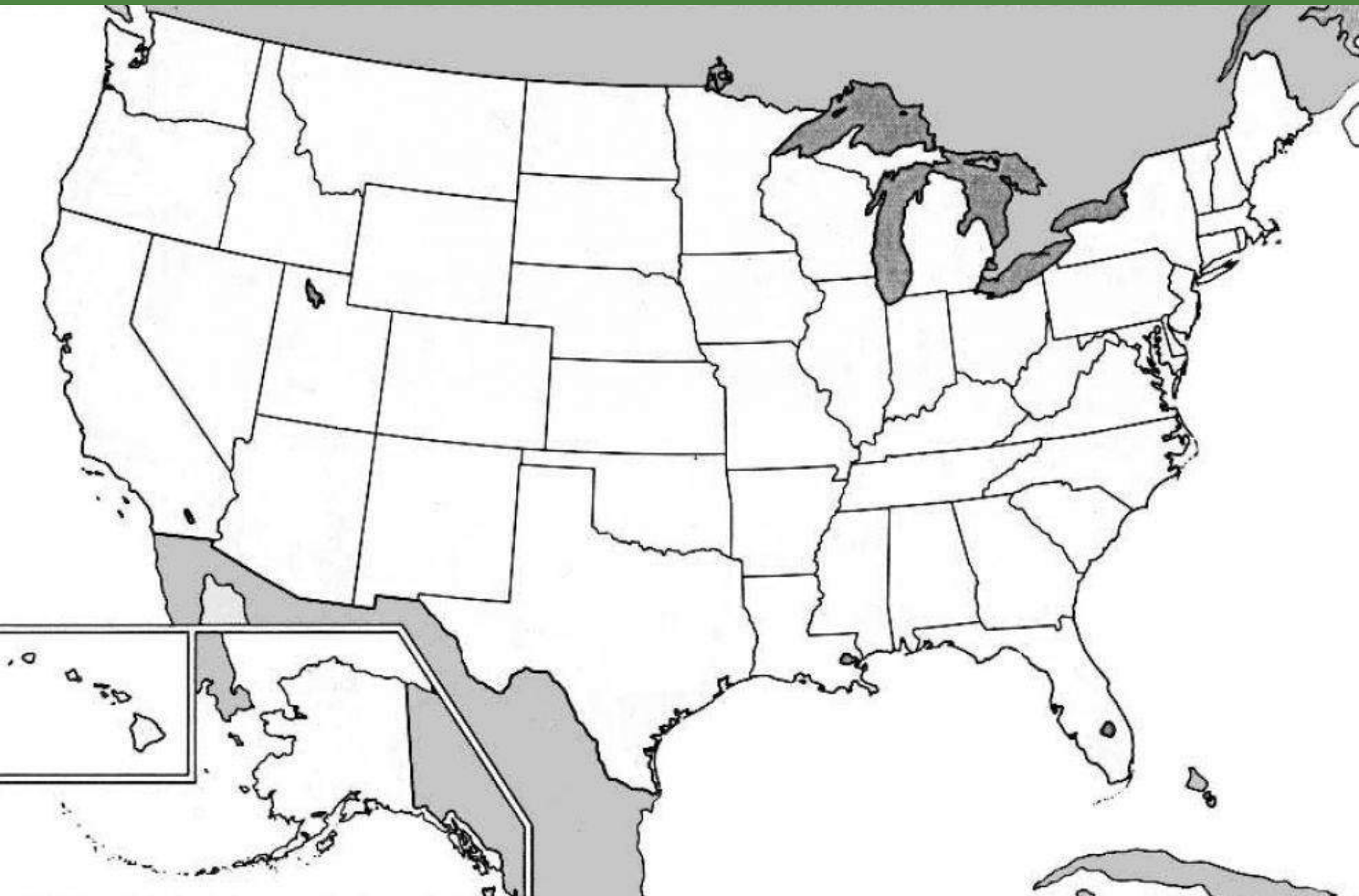
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