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**Theme:** The United States Constitution: A Federal Balance?

**Directions**: Write one unified essay, which evaluates two opposing visions for America embodied in the first political parties. The documents provided must be integrated into the body of your essay. You may paraphrase or quote the documents, but in either case you must cite the source (document, line number). When analyzing the material, provide specific historical references—utilizing both the documents provided and previous historical knowledge—to support your thesis.

Provide an appropriate title for your essay. Write on both sides of the paper, number the pages, leave five lines between paragraphs and underline your thesis statement.

1. Identify and describe two reserved powers and two enumerated powers.
2. Carefully analyze the document which illustrates reserved powers.
3. Based on your assessment of the balanced powers , develop a well-constructed analytical essay which utilizes specific evidence to evaluate the following statement:

“Despite desperate and well-intentioned efforts to create a harmonious balance between the national government and the State governments, the Framers of the Constitution unintentionally delegated too many powers to the States. The result of this oversight was inevitable and overwhelming sectionalism and eventual Civil War.”

**Document A: Excerpts from the Constitution of the United States of America**

**A****rticle I, Section 8:** [Congress shall have the right]to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

**Amendment 10:** The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

### Document B: James Madison, The Federalist Number 45. January 26, 1788

#### To the People of the State of New York:

…The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government, are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce; with which last the power of taxation will, for the most part, be connected. The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State.

The operations of the federal government will be most extensive and important in times of war and danger; those of the State governments, in times of peace and security. As the former periods will probably bear a small proportion to the latter, the State governments will here enjoy another advantage over the federal government. The more adequate, indeed, the federal powers may be rendered to the national defense, the less frequent will be those scenes of danger which might favor their ascendancy over the governments of the particular States.