

## Pro-Con Worksheet: Debate over the Neutrality Proclamation and Executive Power

*When you've faced a difficult decision in life, a family member, friend, or teacher may have suggested that you make a "pros and cons list," categorizing the reasons **in favor of** making a certain decision (merits/benefits/advantages) and the reasons **against** making that decision (costs/downsides/dangers). For this activity, you are going to think about and list the pros and cons of adopting either Hamilton's or Madison's position with respect to whether the President has the authority to issue a neutrality proclamation independently of Congress.*

<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>
<p><i>What are the main reasons for thinking that either Hamilton's or Madison's interpretation is the more faithful interpretation of the Constitution?</i></p> <p><i>What are the merits/benefits/advantages of adopting either position with respect to what the President would or would not be able to do without the approval of Congress?</i></p>	<p><i>What are the main reasons for thinking that either Hamilton's or Madison's interpretation is not the more faithful interpretation of the Constitution?</i></p> <p><i>What are the costs/downsides/dangers of adopting either position with respect to what the President would or would not be able to do without the approval of Congress?</i></p>