

Pro-Con Worksheet: Debate over a National Bank

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 Jefferson's (or Madison's) position with respect to whether it is constitutional for the federal government to create a national bank.

Pros	Cons
<p>What are the main reasons in favor of adopting either Hamilton's or Jefferson's (or Madison's) interpretation of the Constitution?</p> <p>What are the merits/benefits/advantages of adopting either position with respect to the policies that the federal government would or would not be permitted to pursue?</p>	<p>What are the main reasons against either Hamilton's or Jefferson's (or Madison's) interpretation of the Constitution?</p> <p>What are the costs/downsides/dangers of adopting either position with respect to the policies that the federal government would or would not be permitted to pursue?</p>