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The U.S. Constitution has served us well for over two centuries, so it is natural to assume that its initial acceptance by American citizens was inevitable. In fact, the struggle over ratification was intense and vitriolic, and the outcome uncertain. The Federalists supported ratification, hoping to unite the country and end the tumult and instability they saw everywhere. Anti-Federalists feared the imposition of a powerful central government that could thwart the hard-won liberties achieved by the revolution. Chadwick asserts, for the general reader, that the ratification of the Constitution was achieved largely through the efforts of James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay. They formed an unlikely but effective alliance. Hamilton was a brilliant, self-made man with contempt for those less talented. Madison was a sickly, socially awkward slave holder with a great intellect and grasp of the essentials of government. Jay was shy, strongly opposed to slavery, and had already compiled an impressive record of public service. Together, the trio wrote the Federalist Papers, which helped gain ratification in the critical state of New York. --Jay Freeman

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