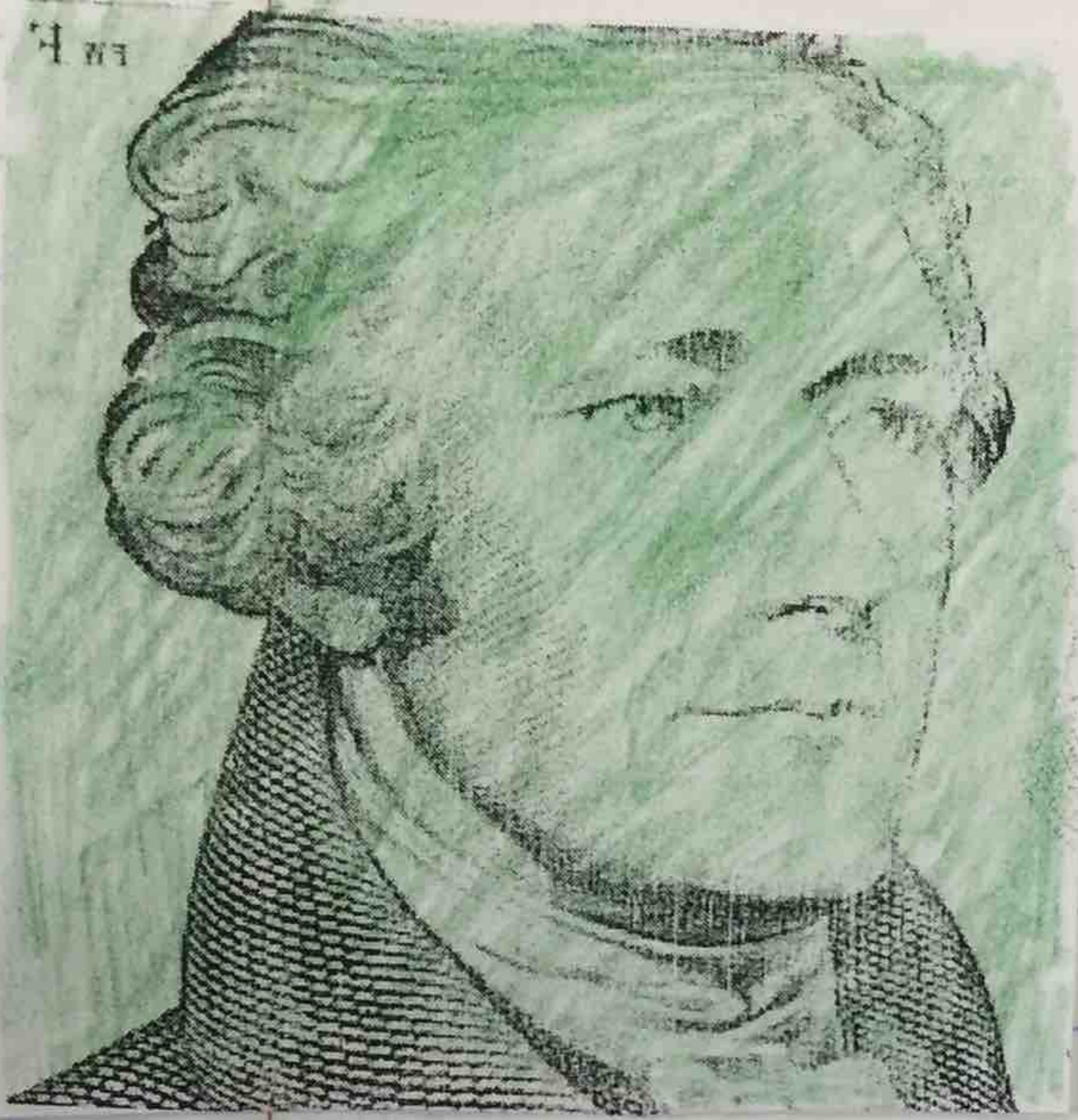


Federalists vs Antifederalists



Alexander Hamilton

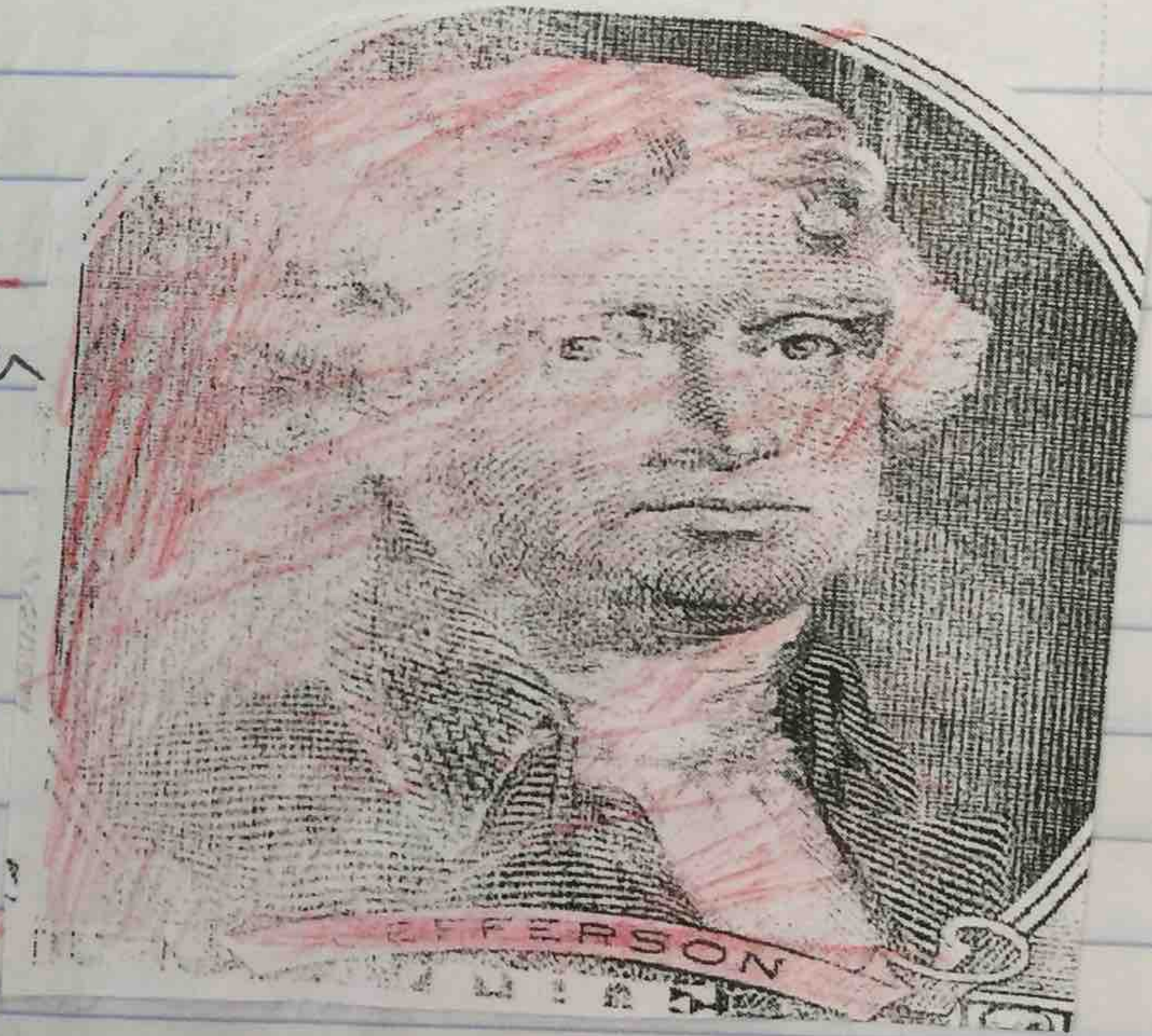
Federalists

- ① Supported the Constitution
 - ② Well educated + organized
 - ③ Alex. Hamilton + James Madison wrote **Federalist Papers** to encourage ratification of the Constitution.
- "Loose Interpretation"

Anti Federalist

- ① Against the Constitution
- ② Fear a strong nat'l gov't.
- ③ Said it was illegal
- ④ Wanted a bill of Rights

"Strict Interpretation"



- The Constitution gives the national government too much power at the expense of the state governments
- The Constitution provides protection for the state governments by specifically reserving states certain powers
- The National government has the power to raise and keep an army. That army could suppress the people
- A strong executive or President is necessary for leadership as well as a strong central government

- The powers of the National government are separated and balanced so no one branch can gain complete control
- The Constitution needs a Bill of Rights to protect the people against the power of a National Government
- They believed the elite and educated were capable of governing and making good decisions.
- The Constitution is the ultimate protection for people's rights and does not need a Bill of Rights.