

Resource 5**James Madison on War**

Of all the enemies to public liberty [i.e., freedom from governmental tyranny] war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded because it comprises and develops the germ of every other. War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes . . . known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. . . . No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.

—James Madison, *Political Observations*, 1795

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