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American Revolutionaries were worried about creating a government that became more powerful than the people it governed.

2. What was James Madison's suggestion he made in a letter to make sure that the government was balanced?

James Madison suggested that there should be three branches of government instead of one really powerful head of the government.

3. Describe one of the failures of the Articles of Confederation.

Answers will vary: Not a strong central government, states had their own power, no rules on how to trade with other countries, couldn't collect taxes, no court system.