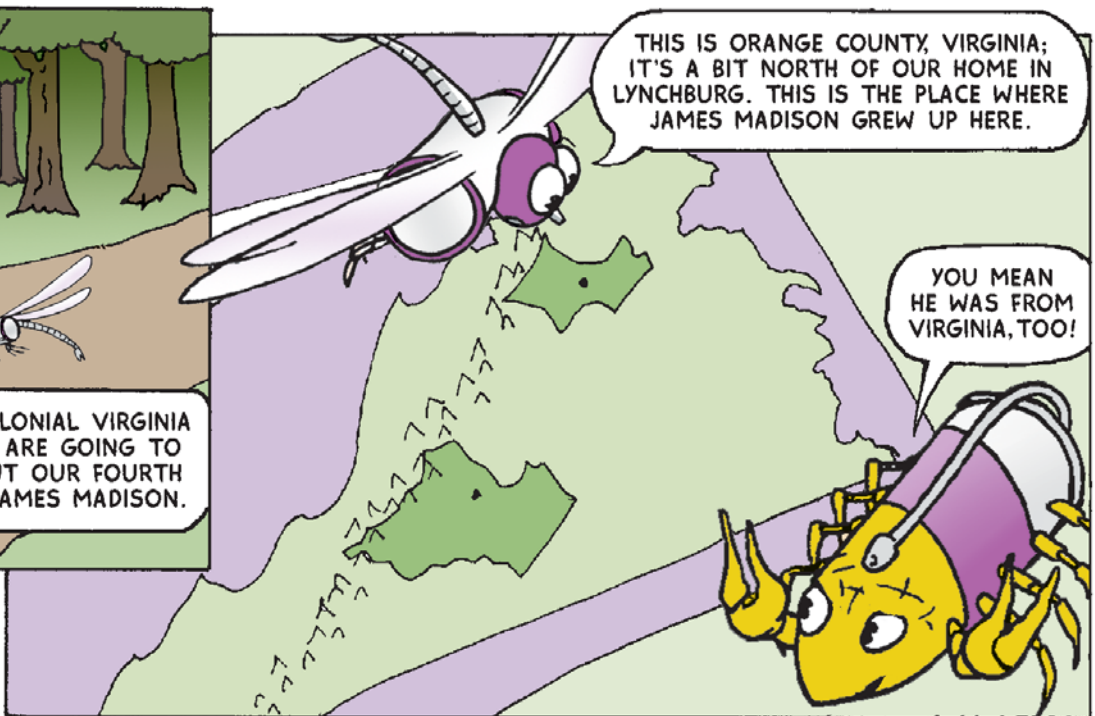


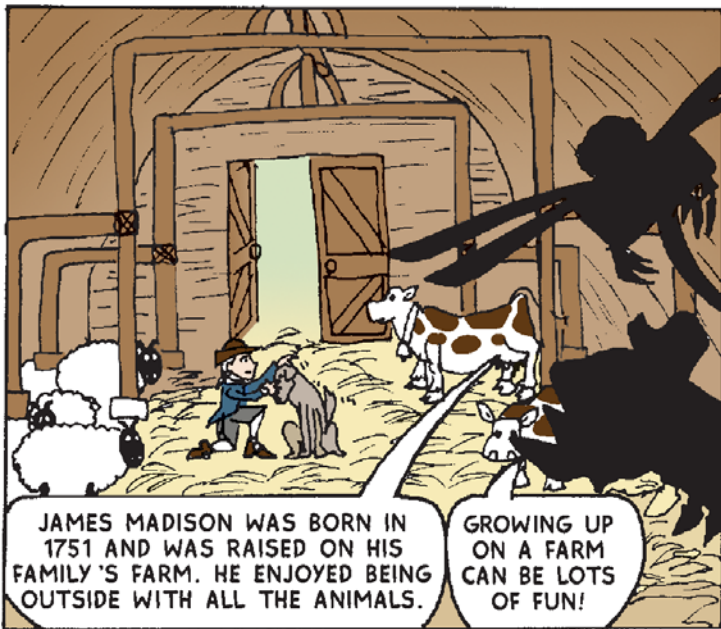
WHERE ARE WE DRAGONFLY?

WE'RE IN COLONIAL VIRGINIA SCORPY. WE ARE GOING TO LEARN ABOUT OUR FOURTH PRESIDENT, JAMES MADISON.



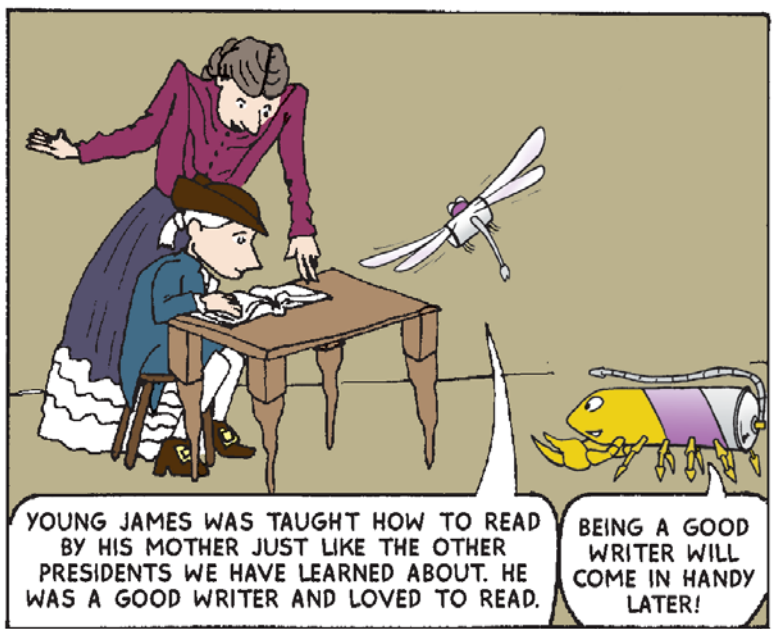
THIS IS ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA; IT'S A BIT NORTH OF OUR HOME IN LYNCHBURG. THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE JAMES MADISON GREW UP HERE.

YOU MEAN HE WAS FROM VIRGINIA, TOO!



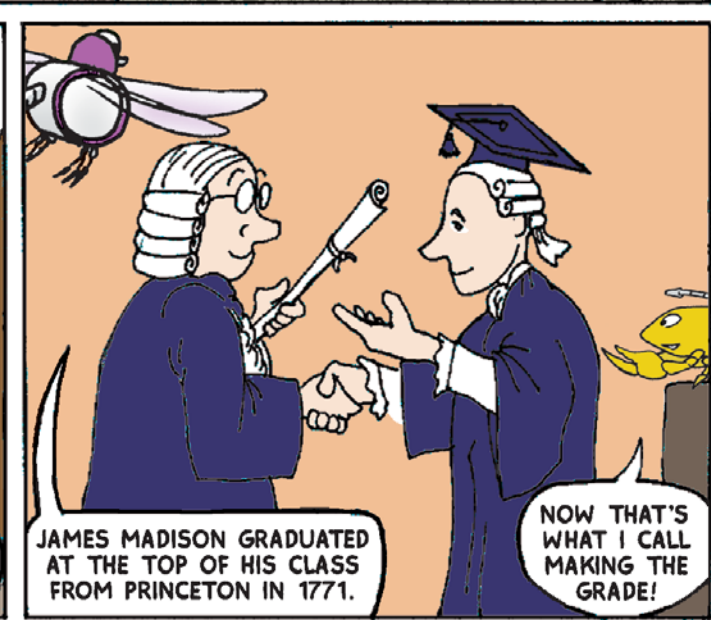
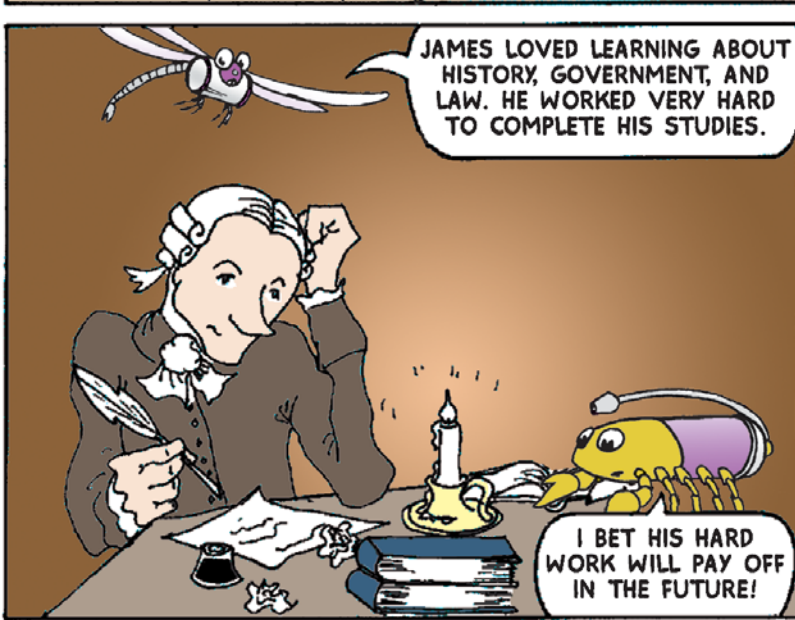
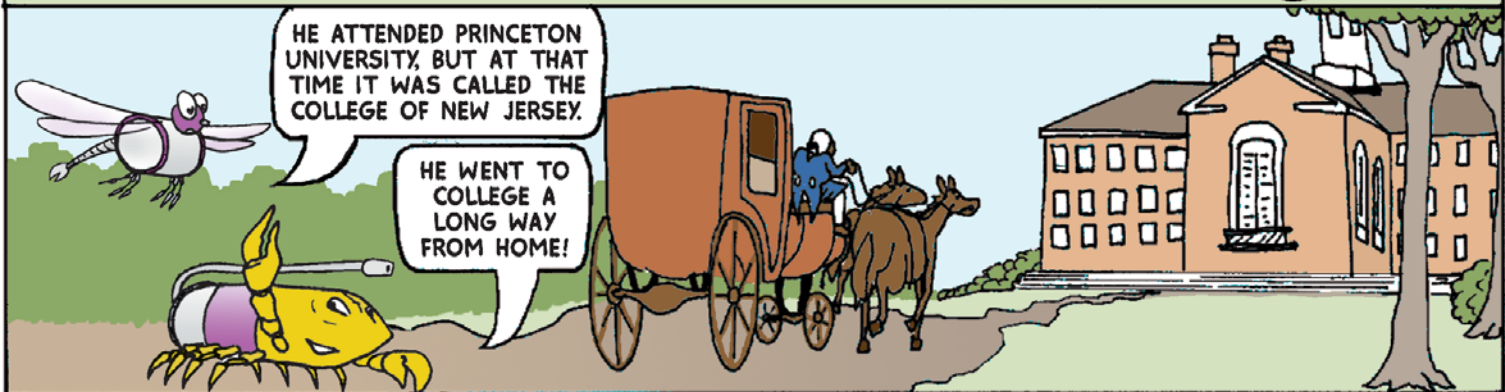
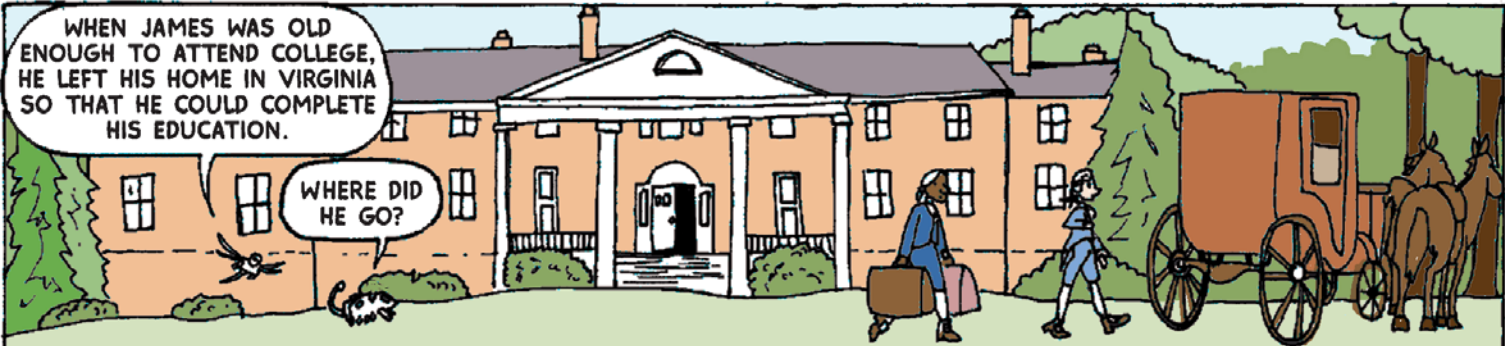
JAMES MADISON WAS BORN IN 1751 AND WAS RAISED ON HIS FAMILY'S FARM. HE ENJOYED BEING OUTSIDE WITH ALL THE ANIMALS.

GROWING UP ON A FARM CAN BE LOTS OF FUN!



YOUNG JAMES WAS TAUGHT HOW TO READ BY HIS MOTHER JUST LIKE THE OTHER PRESIDENTS WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT. HE WAS A GOOD WRITER AND LOVED TO READ.

BEING A GOOD WRITER WILL COME IN HANDY LATER!



IN THE YEARS AFTER COLLEGE, JAMES MADISON PROVED TO BE A WISE LEADER. IN 1787, AT THE AGE OF 36, HE BECAME THE YOUNGEST DELEGATE ELECTED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION!

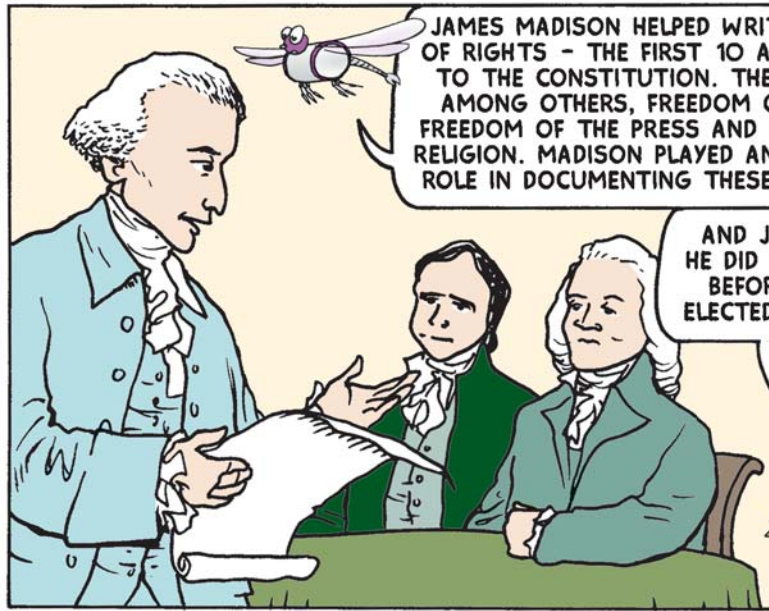


JAMES WAS AN EMOTIONAL SPEAKER AND OFTEN TOOK PART IN THE HEATED DEBATES THAT FREQUENTLY OCCURED DURING THESE MEETINGS.



IT'S INSPIRING WHEN SOMEONE BELIEVES IN WHAT THEY ARE SAYING!

JAMES MADISON HELPED WRITE THE BILL OF RIGHTS - THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. THEY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION. MADISON PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DOCUMENTING THESE FREEDOMS.



AND JUST THINK HE DID ALL OF THIS BEFORE HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT!



ALL OF HIS HARD WORK EARNED JAMES MADISON THE TITLE, "FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION." HE DID NOT LIKE THIS, CLAIMING IT TOOK MANY HANDS AND HEADS TO COMPLETE THIS DOCUMENT. NONETHELESS, HE IS CREDITED WITH WRITING THE MAJOR PARTS OF IT!



TALK ABOUT GIVING EXTRA CREDIT!

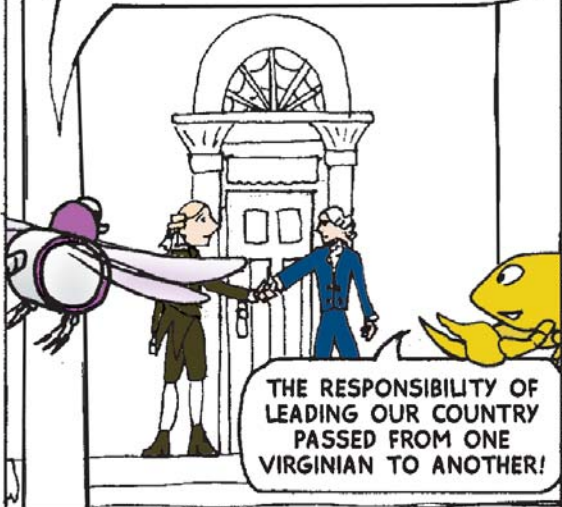


THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JAMES MADISON BECAME GOOD FRIENDS. KNOWING HE WAS A SKILLED DEBATER AND WRITER, JEFFERSON APPOINTED MADISON SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 1801.



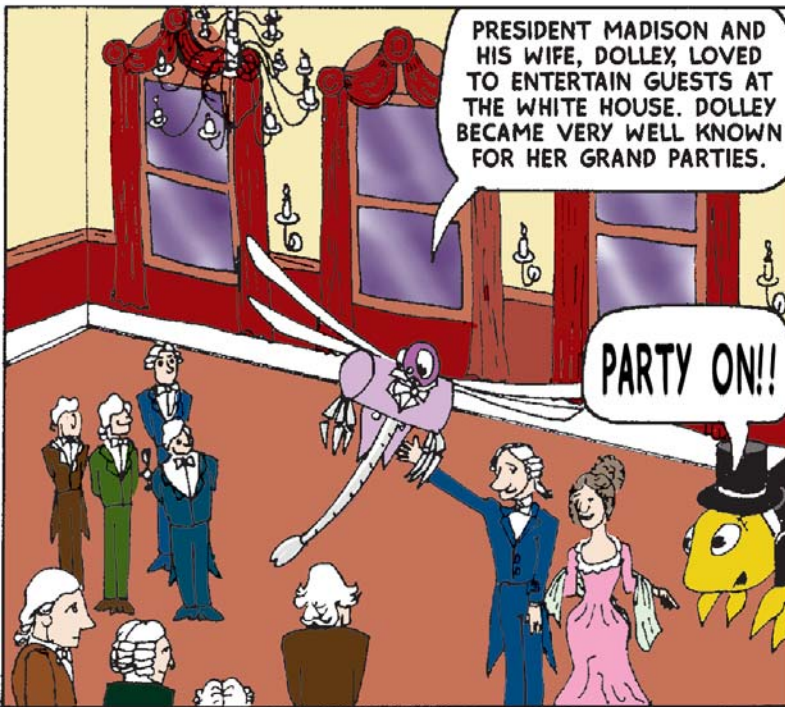
WHAT A GOOD TEAM THEY MUST HAVE MADE!

WHEN THOMAS JEFFERSON RETIRED IN 1809, JAMES MADISON WAS ELECTED THE FOURTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

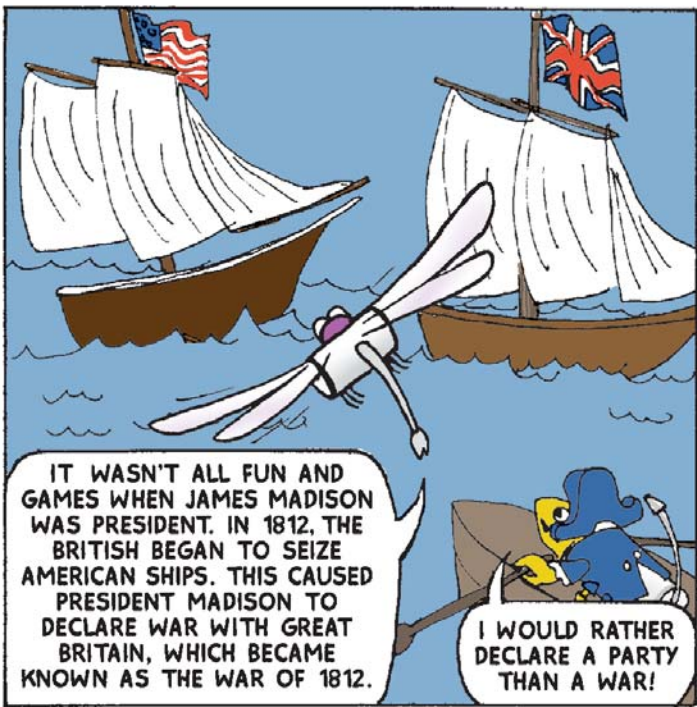


THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING OUR COUNTRY PASSED FROM ONE VIRGINIAN TO ANOTHER!

PRESIDENT MADISON AND HIS WIFE, DOLLEY, LOVED TO ENTERTAIN GUESTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. DOLLEY BECAME VERY WELL KNOWN FOR HER GRAND PARTIES.



PARTY ON!!



IT WASN'T ALL FUN AND GAMES WHEN JAMES MADISON WAS PRESIDENT. IN 1812, THE BRITISH BEGAN TO SEIZE AMERICAN SHIPS. THIS CAUSED PRESIDENT MADISON TO DECLARE WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN, WHICH BECAME KNOWN AS THE WAR OF 1812.

I WOULD RATHER DECLARE A PARTY THAN A WAR!

DURING THE WAR OF 1812, THE BRITISH BURNED MUCH OF WASHINGTON, D.C., INCLUDING THE WHITE HOUSE! DOLLEY FLED THE WHITE HOUSE JUST BEFORE THE BRITISH TROOPS. SHE WAS ABLE TO SAVE MANY VALUABLES, INCLUDING THE PORTRAIT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE!

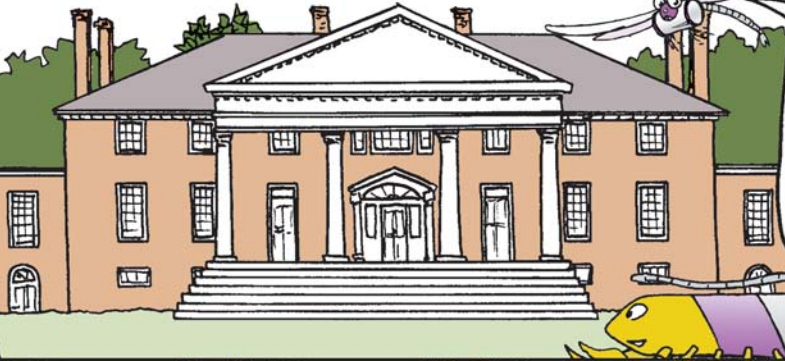


THAT WAS JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!

THE WAR OF 1812 ENDED WITH THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GHENT IN 1814. ALTHOUGH NEITHER SIDE HAD WON, BOTH AGREED THAT IT WAS TIME TO END THE WAR.

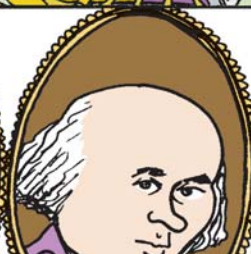
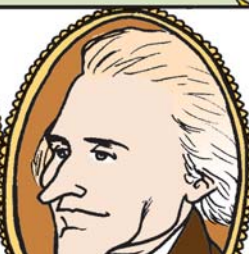


AT LEAST THEY AGREED ON ONE THING ... THE WAR SHOULD BE OVER!



PRESIDENT MADISON RETIRED TO MONTEPELIER, HIS HOME IN VIRGINIA. ALTHOUGH HE HAD RETIRED FROM SERVING AS PRESIDENT, HE CONTINUED TO WORK IN THE VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. HE HELPED HIS GOOD FRIEND THOMAS JEFFERSON PLAN AND ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. HE ALSO WORKED TO ABOLISH SLAVERY. MADISON DIED IN 1836 AT HIS HOME.

HE CERTAINLY ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN HIS LIFETIME!



NEXT WEEK WE WILL FINISH EXPLORING OUR EARLY PRESIDENTS. WE WILL VISIT WITH OUR FIFTH PRESIDENT, **JAMES MONROE!**

Jefferson

Madison

Monroe

WELL, IF HE IS ANYTHING LIKE THE FIRST FOUR, WE HAVE A LOT TO COVER! I ELECT THAT WE GET STARTED!