## The Constitutional Response

- Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions -- Jefferson & Madison
  - \* Proposed the Nullification Doctrine
  - \* Since authority not explicit in Constitution...
    - Virginia Res. → <u>majority</u> of states could nullify a <u>federal</u> <u>law</u>
    - o Kentucky Res. → <u>individual</u> state could nullify a <u>federal law</u>
- Activity Time:
  - Either in groups of 2-3 or by yourself for homework (depending upon time left in class) write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper describing in detail your feelings FOR or AGAINST the Alien & Sedition Acts
  - Timeframe = 1798, be sure to include the major issues



