

## Process: Journal Response

James Madison once wrote, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." This statement suggests that Madison did not have a very positive view of human nature. Try to put yourself in Madison's shoes and write responses to the first two questions below from his perspective. Then express your own views in a written response to the third set of related questions.

1. If men are not angels, what are they?

2. Why are governments necessary?

3. Is Madison right? Are governments really necessary? How would your life be different if no government existed, and there were no laws or people to enforce them?