**Alien and Sedition Act Constitutional Crisis**

Excerpt of Sedition Acts:

“That if any persons shall unlawfully combine or [unite] together, with intent to oppose any measure or measures of the government of the United States, which are or shall be directed by proper authority, or to [delay] the operation of any law of the United States, or to intimidate or prevent any person holding a place or office in or under the government of the United States… shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment during a term not less than six months nor exceeding five years”

1. What is being declared illegal with this law?

Excerpt from the Virginia Resolution:

“…and that in case of a deliberate, [intense], and dangerous exercise of other powers [by the national government], not granted by the [constitution], the states who are parties [to it], have the right, and are in duty bound, to [involve themselves] arresting the progress of the evil, and for maintaining within their respective limits, the authorities, rights and liberties appertaining to [the states].”

Excerpt from the Kentucky Resolution:

“That the several States composing, the United States of America, are not united on the principle of unlimited submission to their [national] government; but that, by … [the] Constitution for the United States, and of amendments thereto, they [created] a [national] government for special purposes delegated to that government certain definite powers, reserving, each State to itself, the …right to their own self-government; and that whensoever the [federal] government assumes [unremunerated] powers, its acts are [unconstitutional]…”

1. Who do both the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions imply has certain rights that cannot be taken away?
2. How do the Kentucky and Virginia resolutions contradict the Sedition Act?