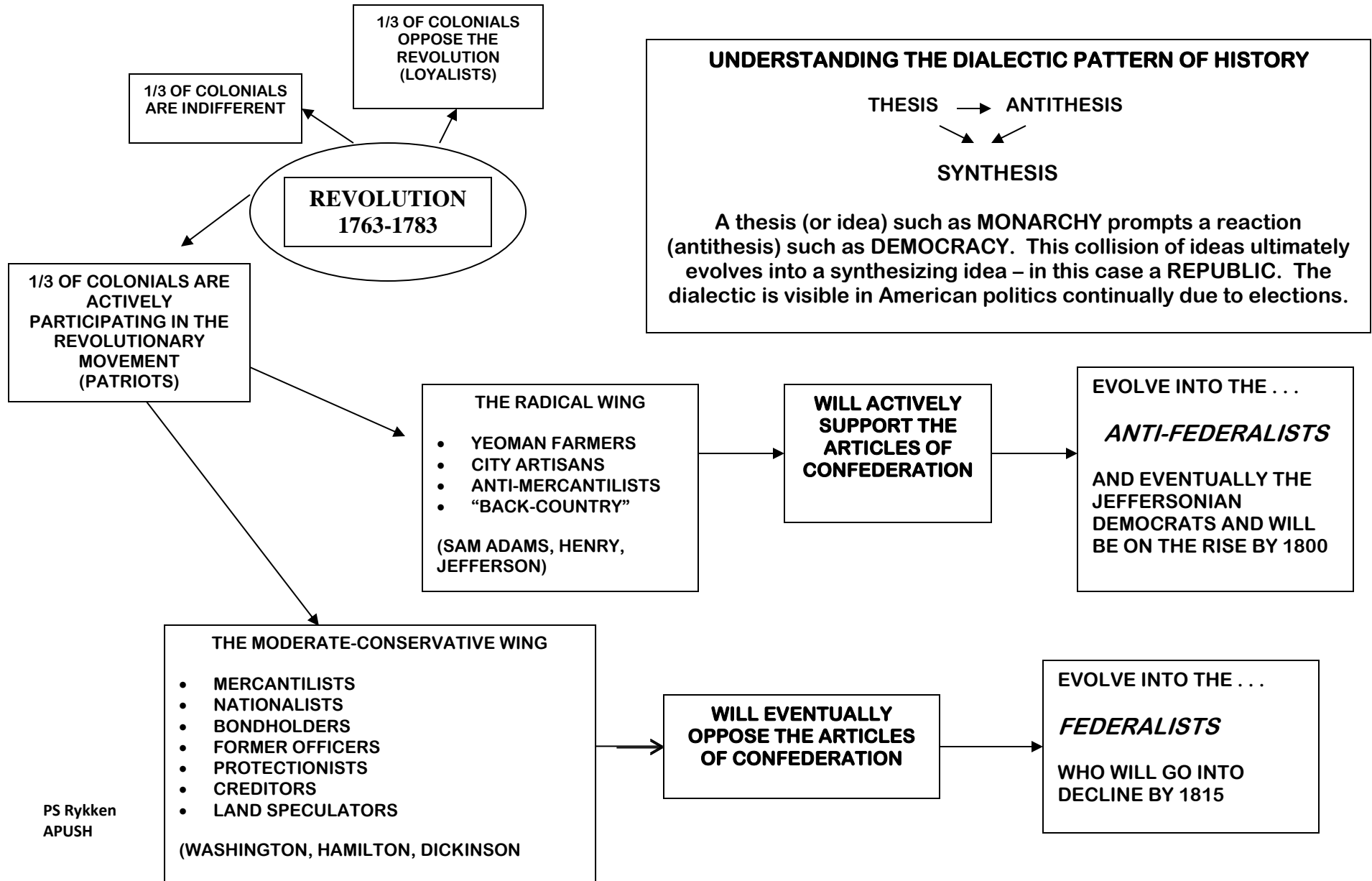
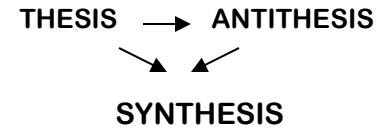


THE POLITICAL EVOLUTION OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC
(or . . . “How does all this politics stuff actually work?”)

RECALL: AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT IN ANY SOCIETY AT ANYTIME IN HISTORY THERE ARE THOSE WHO WISH TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO (THE CONSERVATIVE IMPULSE) AND THOSE THAT WISH TO BRING CHANGE (THE LIBERAL IMPULSE). THIS WAS CERTAINLY TRUE DURING OUR REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD AND IN THE PERIOD OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC.



UNDERSTANDING THE DIALECTIC PATTERN OF HISTORY



A thesis (or idea) such as MONARCHY prompts a reaction (antithesis) such as DEMOCRACY. This collision of ideas ultimately evolves into a synthesizing idea – in this case a REPUBLIC. The dialectic is visible in American politics continually due to elections.