

Political Developments in the Early Republic

How did the Federalist and Republican visions for the United States differ?

PREVIEW

Listen to the songs “Hail, Columbia” and “Fair and Free Elections.” Then answer these questions *on another piece of paper*.

Hail, Columbia

1. What are three adjectives that describe the song’s mood?
2. How do you think Washington’s swearing in as president united the country?

Fair and Free Elections

1. What are three adjectives that describe the song’s mood?
2. According to the lyrics, what were some of the issues of the 1800 presidential election?
3. In what ways do you think the nation changed between Washington’s inauguration in 1789 and the election of 1800?

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

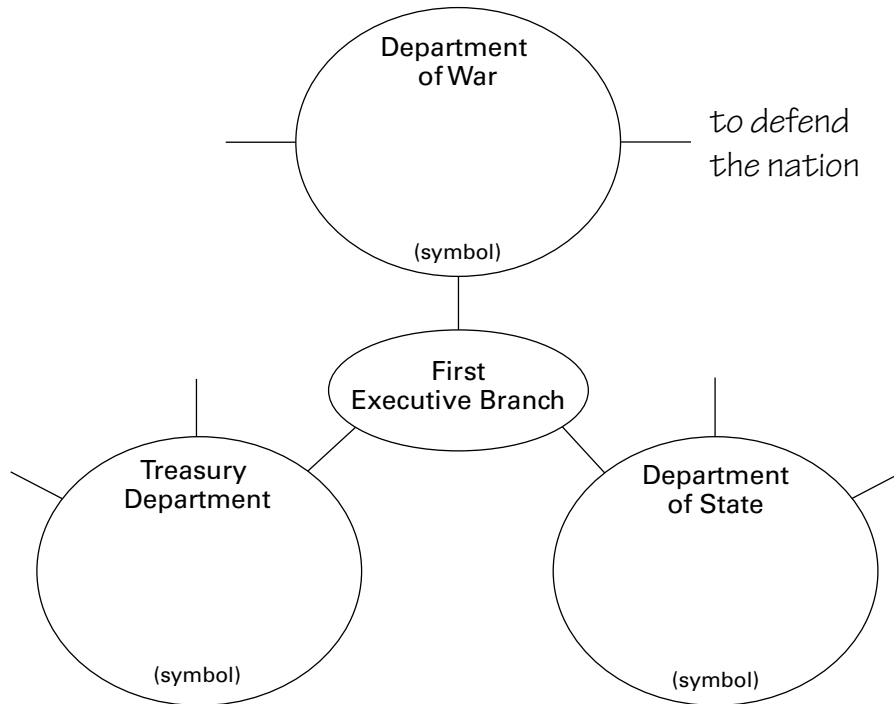
As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Whiskey Rebellion	sedition
Washington’s Farewell Address	nullify
loose construction	states’ rights theory
strict construction	

Section 2

1. What issue divided the first Congress as the nation launched the new government?

2. Complete the spoke diagram illustrating the nation’s first executive branch under George Washington. Draw a symbol to represent each department. Then, on the spokes, list the role of each department and the person who headed it.



Section 3

1. Create a simple illustration showing the government’s response to the Whiskey Rebellion. Also explain whether you think the government acted appropriately.
2. Explain in your own words what Washington in his Farewell Address meant by the threat of the “spirit of party.”

Sections 4 and 5

Read Section 4 and write a response to Questions 1 to 6 from the perspective of Alexander Hamilton. Then read Section 5 and write responses to the questions from the perspective of Thomas Jefferson.

1. What is your view of human nature?

I believe that most people are basically selfish and . . .



Alexander Hamilton



Thomas Jefferson

2. Who should lead our country?



Alexander Hamilton



Thomas Jefferson

3. How strong should our national government be?



Alexander Hamilton

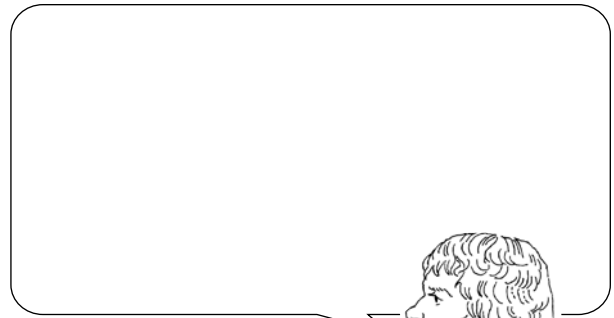


Thomas Jefferson

4. What is the ideal economy?



Alexander Hamilton



Thomas Jefferson

5. Is the establishment of a national bank constitutional? Why or why not?

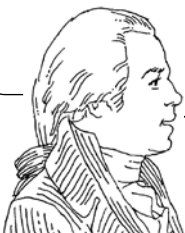


Alexander Hamilton

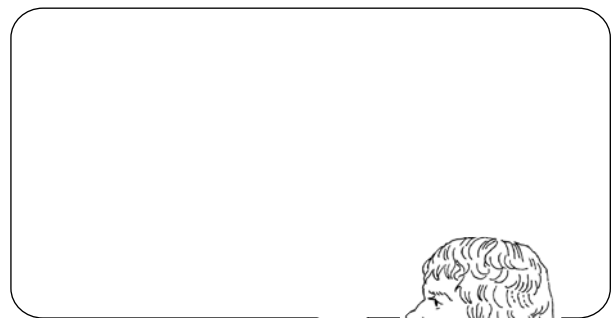


Thomas Jefferson

6. Should the United States ally itself with Great Britain or France?
Why or why not?



Alexander Hamilton



Thomas Jefferson

R E A D I N G F U R T H E R

Preparing to Write: Translating Visual Ideas into Words

Today, we think of the White House as a symbol of the presidency. But it has not always looked just as it does today. In fact, if Thomas Jefferson had had his way, it would have looked very different.

How did Thomas Jefferson's ideas about how the president's house should look reflect his ideas about the presidency?

How did George Washington's ideas about how the president's house should look reflect his ideas about the presidency?

If you were designing a house for the president today, what would it look like? Think about how your design would reflect your ideas about the presidency. Use the space below to make notes and sketches for your design.

Writing About a Design

Suppose you entered a national contest to design a new house for the president. Write a paragraph describing your house design. Discuss the reasons why you designed it as you did. Also explain how your design reflects your ideas about the presidency. You may wish to make a floor plan of the house on another sheet of paper. Make sure your descriptions and explanations are free of spelling and grammar errors.

Use this rubric to evaluate your contest entry. Make changes in your entry if you need to.

Score	Description
3	The paragraph gives a clear description of and explanation for the design. There are no spelling or grammar errors.
2	The paragraph gives a description of and explanation for the design. There are few spelling or grammar errors.
1	The paragraph does not give a clear description of or explanation for the design. There are many spelling or grammar errors.