


Our First President and Political Parties

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+ Washington's Presidency



1.
George Washington 1789-1797

- He was the consensus choice to be the first President.
- Served from 1789-1797
- Since he is the first president, his actions set precedent.
 - Whiskey Rebellion – use of federal power
 - First cabinet – advisors and dept. heads
 - Two terms – not until FDR (1940's) does a president serve longer

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- Watch the video on Washington.
- While you watch, take notes on the following:
 - **Interesting facts** about him
 - **Notable events** during his presidency
 - The things that will define his **legacy**



+ Development of Political Parties: Hamilton v. Jefferson

- So forget Washington's Warning! Rivalry leads to a two-party system
- Hamilton's supporters became known as **Federalists**
 - Strong central government
 - Educated elite should rule
- Jefferson's supporters became known as **Democratic-Republicans**
 - Strong state governments
 - Power lies with the people/voters
- Nation survives the transfer of power in 1800 election

+ Development of Political Parties:

Contrasting Views of the Federal Government

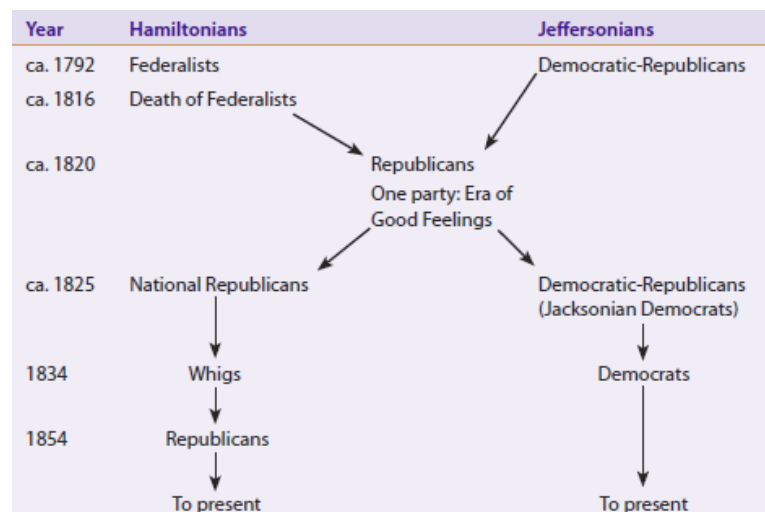
HAMILTON	JEFFERSON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrating power in federal government • Fear of mob rule • Republic led by a well-educated elite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing power with state and local governments; limited national government • Fear of absolute power or ruler • Democracy of virtuous farmers and tradespeople
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose interpretation of the Constitution • National bank constitutional (loose interpretation) • Economy based on shipping and manufacturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict interpretation of the Constitution • National bank unconstitutional (strict interpretation) • Economy based on farming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of national and state debts (favoring creditors) • Supporters: merchants, manufacturers, landowners, investors, lawyers, clergy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of only the national debt (favoring debtors) • Supporters: the "plain people" (farmers, tradespeople)

SKILLBUILDER Interpreting Charts

1. Whose view of the federal government was a wealthy person more likely to favor? Why?
2. How do you think Jefferson differed from Hamilton in his view of people and human nature?

Answer
in your
notes.

+ Development of Political Parties: Hamilton v. Jefferson



*See the Appendix (Presidential Elections) for third parties.

+ The “American Cincinnatus” rides into the sunset...

- Read and annotate Washington’s Farewell Address.
- In the address, Washington famously and prophetically warns against 1. foreign entanglements, 2. political parties, and 3. geographical distinctions.
 - Find 1-2 sections of text that best provide evidence for each of these warnings.
 - Label them using the number coding above.
 - Write a paragraph in your notes about how you feel Washington’s warnings are manifested in today’s society.

