

# George Washington's Presidency

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# Foreign Policy



# The French Revolution

- ✦ Americans, in general, support the French people wanting a Republic
- ✦ Most are horrified by reports of mob hysteria and mass executions
- ✦ Washington felt existing French Alliance was with Monarchy, not with revolutionaries
- ✦ Jefferson is sympathetic with revolutionary "Brothers"
- ✦ Jefferson also says that British are true enemy for seizing American ships, so we should defend against the Brits

# Neutrality Proclamation of 1793

- ✦ Washington felt U.S. was too young and not strong enough for a war
- ✦ Issues Proclamation of Neutrality
- ✦ Will trade, just not fight or support one country over another (France & England)
- ✦ Jefferson resigns from Cabinet in disagreement with Washington

# Citizen Genet

- ◆ French Minister sent to U.S.
- ◆ Tries to get support for French, but breaks all rules by appealing directly to people
- ◆ Action is considered outrageous, even by Jefferson, and Genet is to be sent back
- ◆ Genet stays in America by getting married to Governor Clinton's daughter

# Jay Treaty 1794

- ✦ Washington sends Chief Justice Jay to Britain to talk them out of seizing ships and taking sailors into navy (Impressment)
- ✦ Jay brings back treaty that states Brits will vacate forts in western frontier
- ✦ Treaty says nothing of seizure of ships
- ✦ Narrowly ratified, treaty angers supporters of French, but maintains neutrality position



# Pinkney Treaty 1795

- ✦ Reaction to Jay Treaty
- ✦ Spain is worried of U.S. getting “close” to Britain
- ✦ Spain consolidates holdings in America, agrees to open New Orleans to American trade without paying duties
- ✦ Agrees to 31<sup>st</sup> Parallel as Florida’s northern boundary

# Domestic Policy





# Native Americans

- ✦ Settlers going into Ohio River Valley and beyond, stretching the Frontier
- ✦ Americans angry that evidence shows British are arming Indians and encouraging them to attack Americans
- ✦ U.S. Army defeats Native Americans at Battle of Fallen Timbers
- ✦ Chiefs agree to Treaty of Greenville – surrender claims to Ohio River Territory – now open to settlement

# Whiskey Rebellion 1794

- ✦ Western Pennsylvania farmers angry over excise tax on whiskey/attack revenue collectors
- ✦ Washington federalized militia under Hamilton to show force
- ✦ Rebellion collapses with no bloodshed
- ✦ Those who applaud action say gov't is effective versus what happened with Shay's Rebellion
- ✦ Those who oppose see gov't as too big – unwarranted use of force – Jefferson gains supporters in western farmers for championing their cause

# Western Land

- ✦ Congress wants to encourage rapid settlement of the west
- ✦ Passed Public Land Act of 1796 – orderly procedure for dividing and selling federal land at reasonable cost
- ✦ New states are formed – Vermont in 1791, Kentucky in 1792, and Tennessee in 1796

# Political Parties

- ✦ Guidelines are not listed in Constitution
- ✦ Washington discourages idea – factions are not healthy
- ✦ Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists is precursor to political parties
- ✦ Parties form around Hamilton (Fed) and Jefferson (Anti-Fed)
- ✦ Will form Federalist and Democratic-Republican Parties

# Positions of Issues

	Federalists	Anti-Federalists
Leaders	J. Adams & Hamilton	Jefferson & Madison
View of Constitution	Loose/interpretive/strong government	Strict/Weak Government
Foreign Policy	Pro-British	Pro-French
Military	Large peacetime force	Small peacetime force
Domestic Policy	Business, Banks, Tariffs	Agriculture, no bank, no tariffs
Supporters	North, Business, Large Landowners	Skilled Workers, Small Farmers, Plantation Owners



# Washington Says “Goodbye”

- ✦ DO NOT GET INVOLVED IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS!
- ✦ MAKE NO PERMANENT ALLIANCES!
- ✦ DO NOT FORM POLITICAL PARTIES!
- ✦ AVOID SECTIONALISM!
- ✦ First two hold true. Second two are ignored even before he leaves office
- ✦ His resignation at end of 2 terms is copied until FDR, even though Constitution doesn't prohibit him from doing so.



# Question

Which of the following treaties granted the right of navigation on the Mississippi to the United States?

- A. Pinckney's Treaty
- B. Jay's Treaty
- C. Treaty of Greenville
- D. Treaty of Ghent
- E. Treaty of Utrecht

# Question

Where did the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 take place?

- A. Ohio
- B. Massachusetts
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. New York
- E. Virginia



# Question

Why would the average frontier settler in Illinois most likely support the United States' acquisition of New Orleans?

A. It would provide a good market for mid-western

corn

B. It would prove the nation supported expansion

C. It would provide convenient access to a large slave

market

D. It controlled the Mississippi River trade route

E. It was an urban center with a cosmopolitan lifestyle

# Question

Which of the following did NOT hold Federalist ideas?

- A. Alexander Hamilton
- B. George Washington
- C. John Adams
- D. John Marshall
- E. Albert Gallatin

