

Early Republic

With the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and George Washington sworn in as the first President, America began a new era as a republic. The new government was tested under George Washington's leadership, but it remained strong. After Washington left the presidency, division began to emerge between two differing political parties as to how the new government should operate. The Federalists supported a strong national government, manufacturing in the North, and an alliance with the British. The Democratic-Republicans supported strong state governments, agriculture in the South, and an alliance with the French. During this time the judicial branch also established its role within the new government with several landmark Supreme Court rulings. The new republic faced another war with the British beginning in 1812. An American victory in this war strengthened American unity and led to a time called the "Era of Good Feelings"

Directions: Use the content from the Bee in a Box website to help answer the following questions:

PEOPLE

Aaron Burr

- 1) How did Aaron Burr's run for the Vice Presidency in the Election of 1800, lead to the passage of the Twelfth Amendment?
- 2) Why was Aaron Burr tried for treason?

Matthew Lyon

- 1) Why was Matthew Lyon fined and sentenced to four months in jail?

John Marshall

- 1) What were two reasons John Marshall's role as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was significant?

James Monroe

- 1) James Monroe was involved in the negotiations of the Louisiana Purchase, helping guide America to victory in the War of 1812 as Secretary of War and Secretary of State, and developing the Monroe Doctrine. Which do you believe is the most important feature of James Monroe's political career and why?

Alexis de Tocqueville

- 1) In his famous book *Democracy in America*, how did Alexis de Tocqueville believe that America would influence change in Europe?

DOCUMENTS

Hamilton's Tariff of 1789

- 1) What are tariffs and how were they used to protect American industries?
- 2) Why did southerners dislike tariffs?

Judiciary Act 1789

- 1) Why was the passage of the Judiciary Act important?

Funding and Assumption Act of 1790 & Residency Act of 1790

- 1) What is the relationship between the Funding and Assumption Act of 1790 and the Residency Act of 1790?

Fugitive Slave Act of 1793

- 1) Why were some northern states reluctant to strongly enforce the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793?

Washington's Farewell Address

- 1) In George Washington's Farewell Address, why did he urge the nation to stay out of foreign affairs?

Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 & Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions

- 1) Why were the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 controversial?
- 2) Why did Madison and Jefferson argue states could nullify these acts in the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions?

Marbury v. Madison

- 1) What is judicial review and why is it important?

Slave Trade Prohibition Act of 1807

- 1) Why was the Slave Trade Prohibition Act of 1807 important?
- 2) How did the Slave Trade Prohibition Act of 1807 fail to really deal with the issue of slavery in the United States?

McCulloch v. Maryland & Gibbons v. Ogden

- 1) Explain the differences and similarities in *McCulloch v. Maryland* and *Gibbons v. Ogden*.

Monroe Doctrine

- 1) Why did President James Monroe issue the Monroe Doctrine?

EVENTS

The Second Great Awakening

- 1) What was an impact of the Second Great Awakening?

Origin of the Federalist Political Party & Origin of the Democratic-Republican Political Party

- 1) Why did the Federalist Party and the Democratic-Republican Party emerge?
- 2) Explain two key differences between the parties.

Adoption of Hamilton's Financial Plan

- 1) What are the three key components of Hamilton's Financial Plan?
- 2) Which component do you believe has the most impact on the development of the U.S. and why?

Whiskey Rebellion

- 1) Why was the failure of the Whiskey Rebellion important?

XYZ Affair

- 1) Explain the impact of the XYZ Affair in America?

Election of 1800

- 1) Why was the Election of 1800 such an important moment in history?

Midnight Appointments

- 1) Why was John Adams issuing appointments to judicial positions up until midnight the day before he left office?

War of 1812

- 1) How did the War of 1812 change our relationship with Great Britain?

Battle of New Orleans

- 1) Despite being fought two weeks after the war officially ended, why is the Battle of New Orleans significant?

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What features of American life today, would George Washington dislike based on his Farewell Address?
- 2) Would you side with John Adams and the Alien Sedition Acts or Matthew Lyon? Defend your answer.
- 3) Of the following early landmark Supreme Court Cases, *Marbury v. Madison*, *McCulloch v. Maryland*, and *Gibbons v. Ogden*, which continues to have the most impact today and why?
- 4) Would you have been a member of the Federalist Party or the Democratic-Republican Party and why?
- 5) Which event during the Early Republic was the greatest challenge for the new nation and why?