**Thomas Jefferson**

After winning the presidency in 1800 after a bitter, bitter campaign against John Adams, Thomas Jefferson was ready to assume the top position in the US government in 1800. Like Adams, Jefferson looked to the examples set by George Washington to help guide him as he ran the country. In his farewell address, Washington urged his successors to maintain their focus on the national issues and avoid conflicts abroad. While Jefferson did listen to what Washington suggested, he set his sights first on simplifying the presidency. Jefferson will attempt to change the presidency according to his political philosophy, but will also be forced to make a decision that will completely go against that philosophy.

Listed below, are the issues Jefferson deals with during his tenure as president. You need to research each of these issues so you can be considered an expert on Jefferson's accomplishments and strategies as the third president of the United States.

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| **Simplifying the Presidency**  What decisions did Jefferson make regarding the military?  Regarding trade?  Regarding government expenditures?  Regarding finances?  What is Jefferson's goal as he simplifies the presidency?  Impact on the Nation/Government: | **Marbury v. Madison**  Define it:  How does this change the role of the judicial branch?  Why is this such an important case? |
| **Louisiana Purchase**  Define the territory:  Who did Jefferson buy it from? For how much?  Did Jefferson have the power to buy Louisiana? Why or why not?  Impact on the Nation/Government: | **Lewis & Clark Expedition**  Purpose:  Who helped them? How?  Why is this so important? |

***On the back, summarize Jefferson's philosophy of government in terms of these events. How did his decisions impact the nation overall? How would you rate Jefferson as a president?***