**George Washington**

George Washington was the first president of the United States. As the first president, Washington knew that the entire nation was looking to him to guide them peacefully as they began life as a new nation. Washington, thus, set the tone for future presidents to follow. One of his most important decisions was to focus on domestic issues to help establish the nation and keep away from international issues that would detract from the nation's goal of proving itself capable of being an independent country.

Washington faced a number of issues during his two terms. Listed below, these issues helped Washington set the precedents for the executive office. You need to research each of these issues so you can be considered an expert on Washington's accomplishments and strategies as the first president of the United States.

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| **Washington Chooses a Cabinet**Define it:Choices: Secretary of State: Secretary of War: Secretary of the Treasury: Attorney General:Why did Washington choose each of these men?Impact on the Nation/Government: | **Whiskey Rebellion**Define it:Causes:Effects:To what extent did this event and its conclusion reinforce Anti-Federalist fears of the government created by the Constitution? |
| **Judiciary Act of 1789**Define it:Impact on the Nation/Government: | **Battle of Fallen Timbers/Treaty of Greenville**Define it:Causes:Effects on the native in the region:Result for American migrants in the region: |
| **French Revolution**Define it:Washington's Response:France's Response:Impact on the Nation/Government: | **Declaration of Neutrality** Define it:Causes:Effects: |
| **The Citizen Genet controversy**How did this event impact U.S. international affairs and domestic policy during Washington’s presidency? | **Jay’s Treaty**Define it:Causes:Effects:How did this event impact U.S. international affairs and domestic policy during Washington’s presidency? |
| **Pinckney’s Treaty**Define it:Causes:Effects: | **Washington’s Farewell Address**Key advice for the country: |

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

**John Adams**

George Washington's Vice President, John Adams was elected the second president of the United States. The nation was still new and vulnerable, so Adams carefully listened to Washington's advice on how to run the country. In his farewell address, Washington urged his successors to maintain their focus on the national issues and avoid conflicts abroad. Adams took this message to heart and it is evident in both the domestic and foreign issues he dealt with during his two terms as president.

Listed below, these issues illustrate the Adams presidency. You need to research each of these issues so you can be considered an expert on Adams' accomplishments and strategies as the second president of the United States.

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| **XYZ Affair**Define it:Causes:Effects:Impact on the Nation/Government:How does this impact Adams' foreign policy? | **Quasi-War with France** Define it:Causes:Outcome/Significance for Adams’ Presidency: |
| **Alien & Sedition Acts**Define them:Causes:Effects on Adams:Impact on the Nation/Government: | **Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions**Define them:Proposed by:Adams Response:Impact on the Nation/Government: |

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