

Era of Bad Feelings



The Complicated Presidency of John Adams

Rewrite = rewrite the sentence to make correct

Complete = write the correct answer that completes the idea

Vocab = define the word, using the context

Revise = rewrite the sentence with simpler grammar

Opinion = give your own opinion

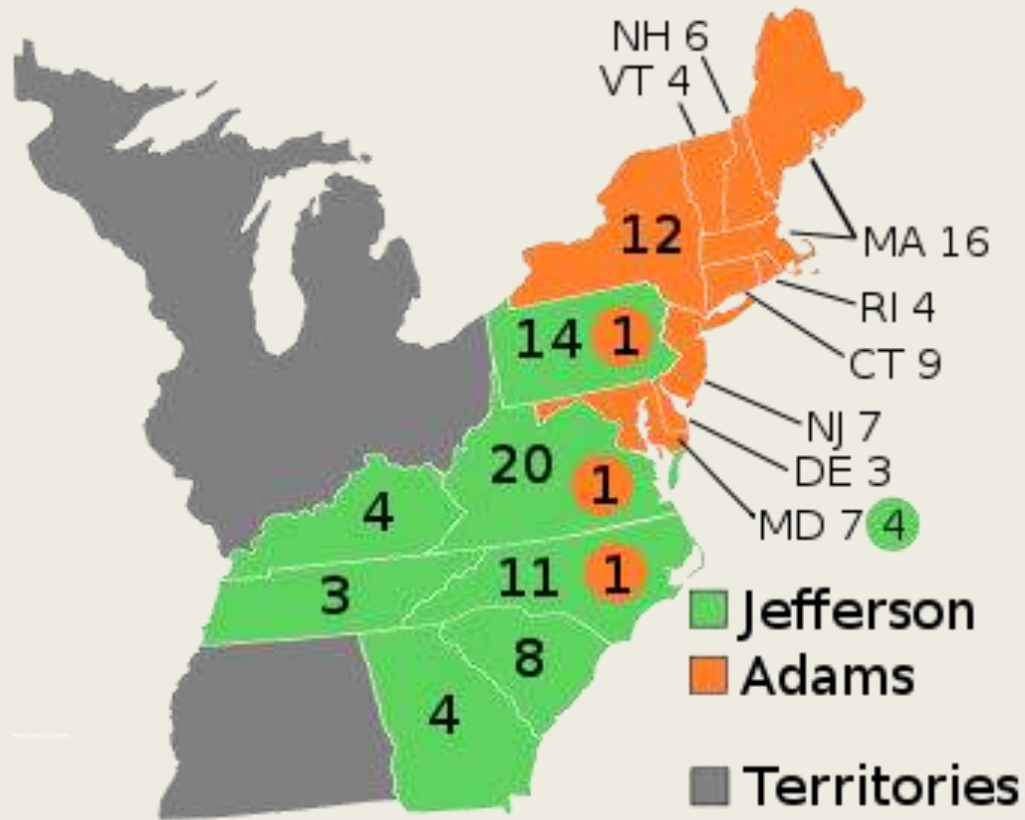


= complete the interactive notebook entry

John Adams was elected. He beat Thomas Jefferson. John Adams was a Federalist from Massachusetts. Thomas Jefferson was a Democratic-Republican. John Adams was from Boston, the North. Thomas Jefferson was from Virginia, the South. John Adams became the 2nd president of the USA. Thomas Jefferson became Vice-President. These men were very different. In the end, we celebrate Thomas Jefferson but not John Adams. See if you can understand why.

Rewrite

1. Thomas Jefferson was a Federalist from Virginia.
2. John Adams was a Democratic-Republican from New England.
3. Thomas Jefferson became the 2nd President of the United States.



Label the North / the South

1. What region did Jefferson dominate?
2. What region did Adams dominate?

John Adams continued to do what Alexander Hamilton wanted. He continued to enact Federalist policies. He continued to expand the federal government. But something had changed: Alexander Hamilton could hide behind George Washington. Hamilton was NEVER president. He could NOT be president because he was born outside the USA. Many people disliked Hamilton, but they trusted George Washington. John Adams hated Hamilton. He didn't much like Thomas Jefferson, either. He was kind of in the middle.

Revise Enact Federalist policies means...

Complete

1. John Adams continued the policies of _____, who couldn't be president because he was born outside the USA.
2. John Adams wanted to _____ the federal government.



John Adams wanted to stay “kind of in the middle” but Europe wouldn’t let him. Maybe you should go back and read your World History textbook. Here’s what you have to know:

1. France and England are at war. They are always at war!
2. England has a constitutional monarchy; They have a king and a parliament. They DON’T have a REVOLUTION.
3. France had an absolute monarchy; They kill their king and queen and make a Revolutionary government. Later, Napoleon takes over.

Complete: What is happening in Europe?

France is at war with...

England is at war with...

Before, France had a _____ for government.

Now, France is having a _____.

England has always had a _____ for government.

Predict: Do you think most Americans like France or England? Why?

France has its **Revolution**: the French Revolution. Most Americans supported Revolutionary France. The USA just had a revolution, so they should support their brothers in France. Also, France gave the USA a lot of money and military help before. But the USA also didn't want to pay France back. Both George Washington and John Adams didn't want to pay their debt to the new government.



Here's what they argued: "We borrowed money from the King of France. You killed him in your revolution. You are chopping everyone's heads off with your guillotine. So... We don't have to pay France anymore. Let's wait and see what happens." It makes sense: What if the Revolution fails and the monarchy comes back? Then they have to pay twice. This made France angry! America wanted to talk with France. They wanted diplomacy. But France demanded a big bribe to talk to American diplomats. This is called the XYZ affair. This made Americans angry! "Why should we pay to talk?" they said! You don't respect us!

Define Bribe

Define Diplomacy

Rewrite

1. America supports the French Revolution, so they pay France back its debt.
2. In the XYZ affair, the French meet with Americans with no problems.

This cartoon is about the XYZ affair. The French are depicted as monsters.



Draw a Circle around the French Diplomat

Draw a Square around the Americans

Draw an Arrow to the Guillotine

The French started attacking American ships. This is called the **Quasi-War**. Quasi means almost, like it was almost a war. This makes Americans really angry. Many Americans blame the French. They support Adams and the Federalists. But some Americans blame Adams and the Federalists. They see that the USA didn't support their Revolutionary brothers. They call for another American Revolution! They call for secession, which means for their state to leave the USA and become independent.

Define Quasi

Define Secession



Look at the Ships. Look at the Flags.

Draw an arrow from the French Flag to the other French Flag.

What war is this?

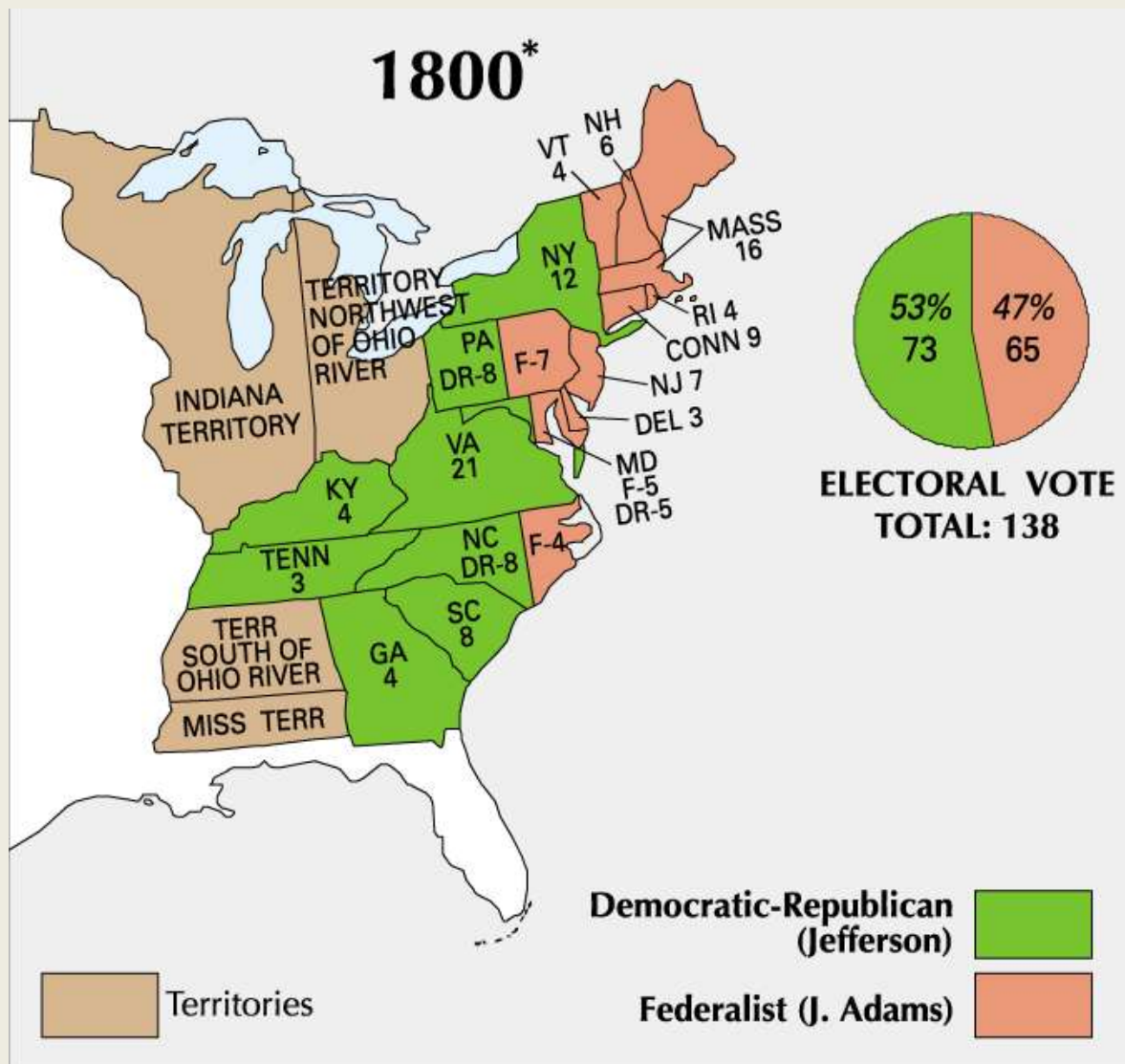
This happens during the **Reign of Terror** in France. During the Reign of Terror in France, people are literally losing their heads. The revolutionaries in France have become crazy. They are killing anyone who doesn't listen to them.



John Adams gets nervous. He passes some laws called the **Alien and Sedition Acts**. These Acts make it legal for him to arrest people who are doing things that are “**dangerous**” to the USA. People hate these acts because they seem a lot like what the British were doing right before the Revolutionary War. They think that Adams has turned into a “King” like the British. The Democratic-Republicans become very popular. The Federalists lose their popularity.

Complete

1. John Adams fears what has happened in France, called the _____.
2. John Adams doesn't like when people call for _____, which is when you want your state to leave the USA.
3. John Adams passes the _____. These Acts make it illegal to do anything _____ to the USA.
4. People accuse John Adams of acting like a _____. His party, the _____, loses some popularity.



Who wins the election of 1800?

John Adams loses the next election. He loses to Thomas Jefferson.

So...

- the **Federalists** lose
- the **Democratic-Republicans** win
- the country looks like it's divided into two

People are worried that he won't give up power, but he does. This is the first **peaceful transition of power** in American history. John Adams gives up power and Thomas Jefferson takes over. Now Thomas Jefferson had talked bad about the federal government for years, but as president, he will now do more to expand it than anyone else. It seems like you always end up becoming more like your enemies, than your friend.

Complete

1. Who wins the election of 1800?
2. Which party wins the election of 1800?
3. Which party loses the election of 1800?
4. The election is a peaceful transition of power because John Adams...

Rewrite

1. The election of 1800 is a violent transition of power.
2. John Adams refuses to give up power in 1800.
3. The Federalists win the election of 1800.

Opinion

We celebrate George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. We usually ignore John Adams.

Why don't we celebrate John Adams as much as the others? What mistakes did he make?

Predict

We read that Thomas Jefferson won the election of 1800. We also read that he had spent much time before talking bad about expanding federal power.

What do you think will happen when Jefferson becomes president? Why?



Now, complete the
John Adams
Activities.