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EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

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# F I R S T Q U E S T I O N

## DOES WASHINGTON DESERVE THE TITLE “FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY?”

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### MY CONCLUSION

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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### KEY CONCEPTS

Precedent  
Emancipation

#### PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Cabinet

#### EVENTS

Whiskey Rebellion

#### LAWS

22nd Amendment

#### SPEECHES

Washington's Farewell  
Address

#### LOCATIONS

Mount Vernon

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Abhorrent:** offensive to the mind

**Aloofness:** a disposition to be distant and unsympathetic in manner

**Camaraderie:** the quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability

**Charismatic:** possessing an extraordinary ability to attract

**Consequential:** having important issues or results

**Debilitate:** make weak

**Doggedly:** with obstinate determination

**Honorific:** conferring or showing esteem or respect

**Invocation:** the act of appealing for help

**Occupational:** of or relating to the activity or business

**Overstate:** enlarge beyond bounds or the truth

**Pariah:** a person who is rejected from society or home

**Preeminence:** high status importance owing to marked superiority

**Qualm:** uneasiness about the fitness of an action

**Rationale:** an explanation of the fundamental reasons

**Stellar:** special, standing out in some way, like a star

**Surrogate:** someone or something that takes the place of another

**Tactician:** a person who is skilled at planning strategies

**Treasonous:** constituting or having the characteristic of betrayal

**Underscore:** give extra weight to

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# SECOND QUESTION WHY DO WE HAVE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES?

WAS THE  
FOUNDING  
GENERATION  
GOOD AT  
GOVERNING?

## MY CONCLUSION

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### KEY CONCEPTS

Public Securities  
Bonds  
Subsidies  
Tariffs  
Protectionism  
Strict Interpretation  
Loose Interpretation  
Political Party

### EVENTS

French Revolution  
Election of 1800  
Burr-Hamilton Duel

### PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Alexander Hamilton  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Pierre Charles L'Enfant  
Federalist Party  
Democratic-Republican  
Party  
Aaron Burr

### LOCATIONS

Washington, DC  
District of Columbia

### GOVERNMENT

#### AGENCIES

First Bank of the United  
States

### LAWS

Alien and Sedition Acts

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Acuity:** sharpness of vision  
**Adulation:** exaggerated flattery or praise  
**Agrarian:** relating to rural matters  
**Beneficiary:** the recipient of funds or other advantages  
**Capitol:** a building occupied by a state legislature  
**Coincidental:** occurring or operating at the same time  
**Divisive:** causing disagreement or disunity  
**Elite:** upper class  
**Exacerbate:** make worse  
**Financier:** a person skilled in large-scale monetary transactions  
**Fledgling:** young bird that has just become capable of flying  
**Forefront:** the part that is most forward or nearest the viewer  
**Pervasive:** spreading or spread throughout  
**Pinpoint:** the sharp point of a pin  
**Pivotal:** being of crucial importance  
**Repression:** control by holding down  
**Speculator:** one who makes risky investments in the hopes of high profits  
**Touchstone:** a basis for comparison  
**Tranquility:** an untroubled state that is free from disturbances  
**Windfall:** a sudden happening that brings good fortune

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# T H I R D Q U E S T I O N

## CAN A DEMOCRACY FUNCTION WITHOUT A JUDICIARY?

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### MY CONCLUSION

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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### KEY CONCEPTS

Judicial Review  
Federal Supremacy

#### PEOPLE AND GROUPS

John Marshall  
Midnight Judges

#### COURT CASES

Marbury v. Madison  
McCulloch v. Maryland  
Gibbons v. Ogden

#### LAWS

Commerce Clause

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Affirm:** declare solemnly and formally as true

**Ardent:** characterized by intense emotion

**Derisive:** expressing contempt or ridicule

**Desegregate:** open to members of all races and ethnic groups

**Enumerate:** specify individually

**Imply:** express or state indirectly

**Ingenious:** showing inventiveness and skill

**Interpreter:** someone who mediates between speakers of different languages

**Nonetheless:** despite anything to the contrary

**Nullify:** declare invalid

**Petition:** a formal request that something be submitted to an authority

**Prior:** earlier in time

**Ratified:** formally approved and invested with legal authority

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# F O U R T H Q U E S T I O N HOW CAN A WEAK NATION GAIN THE RESPECT OF POWERFUL NEIGHBORS?

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## MY CONCLUSION

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### KEY CONCEPTS

Right of Deposit  
Impressment

### LOCATIONS

Barbary States

### EVENTS

XYZ Affair  
Quasi-War with France  
First Barbary War  
Second Barbary War  
Embargo of 1807  
War of 1812  
British attack on  
Washington, DC  
Hartford Convention  
Battle of New Orleans

### TREATIES

Jay's Treaty  
Pinckney's Treaty  
Treaty of Ghent

### PEOPLE AND GROUPS

War Hawks  
Francis Scott Key  
Andrew Jackson

### SONGS

The Star-Spangled  
Banner

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Backfire:** to turn out the opposite as expected

**Capitulate:** surrender under agreed conditions

**Circumvent:** surround so as to force to give up

**Coercion:** using force to cause something to occur

**Contraband:** distributed or sold illicitly

**Dispatch:** the act of sending off something

**Dour:** showing a brooding ill humor

**Effigy:** a representation of a person

**Exigency:** a pressing or urgent situation

**Hawkish:** disposed to warfare or hard-line policies

**Hesitant:** unable to act or decide quickly or firmly

**Hierarchical:** classified into levels

**Incensed:** angered at something unjust or wrong

**Intensification:** making something stronger or more extreme

**Nadir:** the lowest point of anything

**Nemesis:** enemy or opposite

**Neutrality:** nonparticipation in a dispute or war

**Qualm:** uneasiness about the fitness of an action

**Renegade:** someone who rebels and runs away

**Substantive:** having a firm basis in reality and therefore important

**Superpower:** the strongest country

**Vaunt:** show off

**Vilify:** spread negative information about=

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