

Governing the New Nation

Timeline Cards



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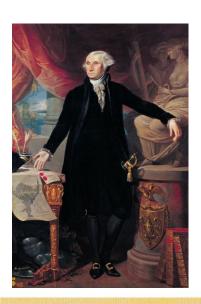
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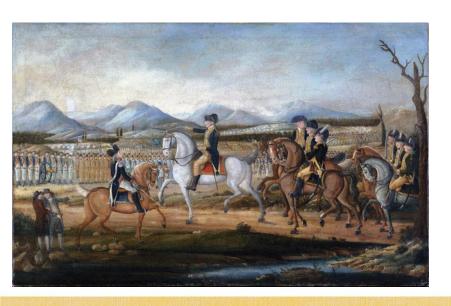
From April 1789 until March 1797, George Washington served as the first president of the United States.





In the 1790s, disagreements between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson led to the creation of the nation's first political parties, the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans.





In 1794, President Washington helped stop the Whiskey Rebellion.





In 1790, Washington, D.C., was designated as the nation's capital.



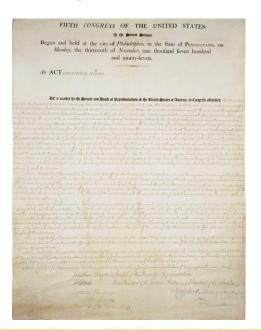
In March 1797, John Adams became the second president of the United States.





In the XYZ Affair of 1797, French agents tried to solicit bribes from American representatives, who wanted to stop the seizure of American merchant ships.





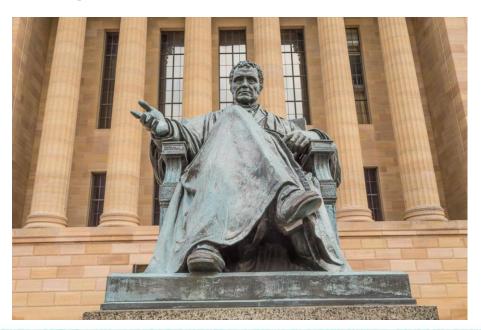
In 1798, the Alien and Sedition Acts gave the president the power to expel any foreigner considered dangerous to the country and made it a crime to speak or write anything against the government, president, or Congress.



After an Electoral College tie in the election of 1800 and more than thirty votes in the House of Representatives, Thomas Jefferson became the third president of the United States in 1801.



In 1803, President Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from France.



The *Marbury v. Madison* decision in 1803 established the Supreme Court's power of judicial review.



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Combat between the USS Constellation and French frigate L'Insurgente on Feb. 9, 1799. The US and France fought a 'Quasi-War', of naval battles, mostly in the Caribbean. The undeclared war began in July 1798, after the failure of negotiations during the 'XYZ Affair', and lasted until Sept. 30, 1800 when Napoleon took power (print)/Everett Collection / Bridgeman Images: 8 Everett Collection Inc / Alamy Stock Photo: 9

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