

Washington's Presidency

# THE NEW NATION

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# JUDICIARY ACT OF 1789

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- ✖ Added structure to the judicial branch
  - + 5 Supreme Court justices and 1 chief justice
  - + 5 Federal circuit courts
  - + 13 Federal district courts
  - + State courts could appeal to federal courts

# WASHINGTON'S CABINET

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- ✕ Cabinet – presidential advisors
- ✕ Secretary of State (foreign affairs)
  - + Thomas Jefferson
- ✕ Secretary of War (military affairs)
  - + Henry Knox
- ✕ Secretary of Treasury (financial affairs)
  - + Alexander Hamilton

## ALEXANDER HAMILTON

- ✗ Federalist
- ✗ Favored a strong central government
- ✗ Ruled by an elite wealthy class
- ✗ Loose interpretation of the Constitution
- ✗ National government would take on the debts of the states
- ✗ Favored the creation of a national bank
- ✗ Supported by New Englanders, manufactures, landowners, investors, lawyers

## THOMAS JEFFERSON

- ✗ Democratic Republican
- ✗ Distrusted a strong central government & the rich
- ✗ Believed in strong state and local governments rooted in popular participation
- ✗ Strict interpretation of the Constitution
- ✗ Disliked the national bank
- ✗ Favored an agrarian based economy
- ✗ Southerners, farmers, tradesmen



# NATIONAL BANK

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- ✗ Proposed by Alexander Hamilton
- ✗ Funded by the national government and wealthy investors
- ✗ Handle tax receipts (imports/exports) and other government funds
- ✗ Print paper money
- ✗ Federalists favored the plan, Democratic Republican opposed.
- ✗ Compromise: Dem. Reps. agree to the bank if the Federalist agree to move the new capital of the nation closer to the South so it would be more responsive to their needs.

# WHISKEY REBELLION

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- ✗ Protective tariff – import tax on goods produced in Europe
- ✗ Excise tax – tax on the production, sale, or distribution of a good.
- ✗ Hamilton places an excise tax on whiskey
- ✗ Whiskey was a cash crop for trans Appalachian farmers who were poor
- ✗ Farmers rebel against the new tax
- ✗ Washington leads militia into the backcountry to put down the rebellion with a 15,000 man army
- ✗ Shows the power and authority of the new federal government to put down a revolt
- ✗ Washington pardons most of the rebels, welcomes them back into the fold.

# WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL

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- ✗ Farewell address printed in newspapers around the country.
- ✗ Warns Americans of two things:
  - + Avoid entangling foreign alliances
  - + Avoid political parties as they are destructive to national unity.
- ✗ Retires from public life and finally returns to his home at Mount Vernon in Virginia