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**Vocabulary**

Bill of Rights

Judiciary Act of 1789

Funding at par

Assumption

Tariff

Excise tax

Bank of the United States

Whiskey Rebellion

Reign of Terror

Neutrality Proclamation

Battle of Fallen Timbers

Treaty of Greenville

Jay’s Treaty

Pinckney’s Treaty

Washington’s Farewell Address

XYZ Affair

Convention of 1800

Alien Laws

Sedition Act

Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions

**Reading Questions**

1. Describe the growth and expansion of America’s population in the beginning years of the United States.

2. In one of his first moves as president, how does Washington put his stamp on the new government, and who does he put into the new positions?

3. Why did Madison include the 9th and 10th amendments in the Bill of Rights?

4. What is the significance of the Judiciary Act of 1789?

5. Alexander Hamilton initiates many plans to get the new nation of sound economic footing.

a. Why were funding at the federal government debt at par and assumption of state debts important pieces of Hamilton’s economic plan?

b. What does Hamilton promise Jefferson if he gets enough votes in Congress for Hamilton’s assumption plan?

c. What ways does Hamilton come up with to pay for the nation’s interest on its debt and to run

the government? (2 ways)

d. Describe the debate between Hamilton and Jefferson on the issue of the Bank of the United States. Who wins the debate?

6. What is the Whiskey Rebellion, and why is the way it ended significant?

7. How do the first semblances of political parties begin to emerge in the United States?

8. In what ways does the French Revolution affect the United States?

9. Why does Washington believe that getting involved in the war between France and Great Britain in 1793 has to be avoided at all costs?

10. What is the significance of Washington’s Neutrality Proclamation?

11. Describe the Citizen Genet incident.

12. How are the British antagonizing the Americans on the Northern Frontier?

13. What are the terms of the Treaty of Greenville?

14. What are the terms of Jay’s Treaty? How is this treated looked upon in the United States?

15. What gains does the United States get with Pinckney’s Treaty with Spain?

16. What precedent does Washington start when he leaves the office of the president? What words of caution does he have about alliances in his Farewell Address?

17. Who wins the Election of 1796? Who gets the vice-presidency?

18. How do the French respond to Jay’s Treaty?

19. What is the XYZ affair, and how do the Americans respond to this treatment by the French?

20. What is the Convention of 1800, and what is it significance?

21. Describe the Alien Laws and Sedition Act. What is the purpose of these laws?

22. Explain the “compact theory” set forth by Jefferson and Madison in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions. What long-term impact do these resolutions have?

23. Describe the views of the Jeffersonian Republicans (Democratic-Republicans) as shown in the last section of Chapter 10. How do these views contrast with the views of the Federalists?