

Time of Presidency: 1797-1801		Party: Federalist	President #: 2	John Adams	
America at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First transfer of power under new government Federalist Vice-President takes over in election over Thomas Jefferson Major election issue 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> was involvement in the French Revolution, and support for either England or France First time with a President and Vice-President from different parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Revolution rages on, prompting support rallies from Americans seeing common bond between the two nations struggling for freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adams was involved in an election scandal with Democratic-Republicans charging that he would foresee his son succeeding as President against the Constitution
Domestic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of the Navy is created to prevent pirating/privateering from France and England, along with Moorish raids along the Barbary Coast The 1801 Judiciary Act al- 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lowed for the creation of 16 circuit courts, all manned by men selected by Adams during the last hours of his presidency Naturalization act extended residency requirement from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> five years to fourteen years before citizenship in 1798 The Alien Act allowed for detention of enemy "aliens" during wartime without trial or counsel The Sedition Act called for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> imprisonment for subversive speech or conspiracy to break laws Government places large taxes on stamps and houses
Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressment by British during French Revolution caused uproar at home Adams calls for formation of Navy and a militia that can be called up by the President at any time 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> XYZ affair of 1797—Three United States ambassadors to France are bribed to give a \$10 million loan, causing severe public outrage Quasi-War with France caused formation of Navy, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marines, along with the formal release from the Revolutionary War alliance 	
People of the Presidency	No Key Advisors				
Various Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington DC becomes the formal capitol of the nation The White House is built to house the President First one-term president 				
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			Election Opponents: Thomas Jefferson		