

## READING GUIDE II.

Prompt: Evaluate the relative importance of domestic and foreign affairs in shaping American politics in the 1790s.

Introduction: ¶The Federalist Period is characterized by deep philosophical divisions among the leaders of the United States. *Both the domestic and foreign affairs arguments of the 1790s equally led to the development of two distinct political parties.* Hamilton's controversial financial plans, the paranoid Federalist policies during the Adams administration, and controversy over our foreign relations with Revolutionary France, politically divided the nation into Federalist and Republican camps.

Evidence: ¶Hamilton's plans to put the United States on a sound financial footing led to political division between Federalists and Republicans.

1. The Bank of the United States-Loose Construction, ...
2. Assumption of State Debt
3. The Whisky Tax

¶Federalist, paranoid attempts to secure party power caused political animosity between the Federalists and Republicans . . .

1. The Alien and Sedition Acts
2. The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions
3. Preparing for and Waging an Expensive Naval War with France, Increasing the Size of the Army and Navy (XYZ Affair)
4. "Midnight Appointments"-1801

¶The Revolution in France caused political division between Federalists and Republicans.

1. The Problem of American Neutrality (Proclamation of Neutrality, Citizen Genêt, Resignation of Jefferson)
2. Treaties Made with France's Enemies (Jay Treaty, Pinckney Treaty)
3. The Recall of James Monroe

Synthesis:

1. The philosophical battles between those calling for the King and Parliament's power to be limited, protecting the power of Colonial legislatures, and those wanting to submit to the authority of the British government is similar to the battles over government power in the Federalist period between Congressional Interpretation, and government vs state power.
2. Andrew Jackson's Attack on BUS #2 . . .