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# George Washington 00:00-19:45

1. What made this new office of president so different in the world?
2. Why did the Founding Fathers established strong courts, a strong legislature, but planned for a weak executive?
3. Why did the Founding Fathers create the Electoral College?
4. Why did Washington create a cabinet of advisors?
5. Why was the location of the new nation’s capital city controversial?
6. Why did Washington want to leave the presidency after his first term?
7. When war broke out in Europe, what was Washington’s response?

Why do you think he chose that action?

1. What precedent did the above proclamation set?
2. What significant precedent did Washington set upon leaving office?
3. As a general rule, how did the Founding Fathers view political parties?

# John Adams 19:45-25:45

1. Although Adams had a great background that made him appear perfect for the presidency, what did he lack?
2. Explain the problems with the Alien & Sedition Acts.

# Thomas Jefferson 25:45-31:15

1. Historian Libby O’Connell said, “One of the things that Jefferson brings [to the presidency] is this sense of acting out democracy.” What do you think she means by this?
2. What power did the Supreme Court claim in Marbury vs. Madison?
3. In what ways did the Louisiana Purchase represent a challenge to Jefferson’s principles?

# James Madison 31:15-37:34

1. Describe James Madison.
2. How did Dolly Madison define the role of first lady?
3. What were some challenges The U.S. faced when we declared war against Britain in 1812?
4. How do you think Americans were impacted psychologically when the British captured the Capitol and burned the White House in August of 1814?
5. How did the War of 1812 change the way Americans viewed themselves?

# James Monroe 37:34-44:10

1. In what ways was James Monroe the last of his kind?
2. What issue had the previous presidents avoided that Monroe had to finally confront?

Why did he have to confront it?

1. What did Monroe claim in the Monroe Doctrine?
2. How did the post-Monroe time represent a new era for the presidency?