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The Ultimate Guide to the Presidents: “Assume the Position” - 1789-1825

George Washington

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1. What made this new office of president so different in the world?
2. The Founding Fathers established strong courts, a strong legislature, but planned for a weak executive. Why?
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. Washington wanted to leave the presidency after his first term. Why?
7. War broke out in Europe, prompting Washington to respond. What did he choose to do and why do you think he chose that action?
8. What precedent did the above proclamation set?
9. What significant precedent did Washington set upon leaving office?
10. As a general rule, how did the Founding Fathers view political parties?

John Adams

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11. Adams had a great background that made him appear perfect for the presidency. What did he lack?
12. What did the Alien & Sedition Acts do? Why were these acts especially problematic?