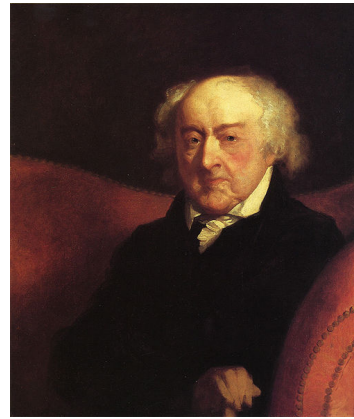


# The Adams Presidency



# The Election of 1796



Thomas Jefferson

VS

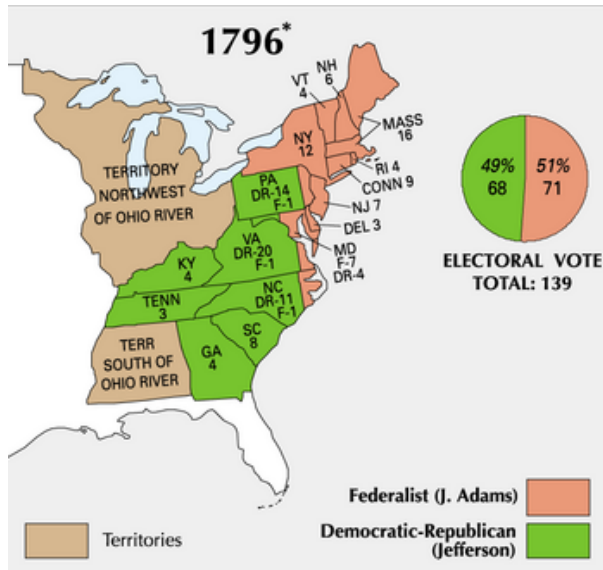


John Adams

- Thomas Jefferson
- Democratic Republican
- strong state governments
- pro-farmers
- John Adams
- Federalist
- strong central gov't
- pro-industry

# The Election of 1796 - It's A Tie! (?)

Federalist electors voted for Adams



Republican electors voted for Jefferson

Constitution says:  
President is the candidate who wins  
the most electoral votes

Vice-President is candidate with the next highest number of votes

## The XYZ Affair

President Adams sent a team to France to negotiate a treaty



3 Frenchmen demanded a \$250,000 bribe

“millions for defense, but not once cent for tribute”

everyone wanted war, but Adams knew we couldn't win  
smoothed things over w/the French but lost political support

# The Alien and Sedition Acts



Federalists wanted to silence their critics, many of whom were foreign-born who wanted the US to go to war w/France (ship seizures)

## The Alien Acts

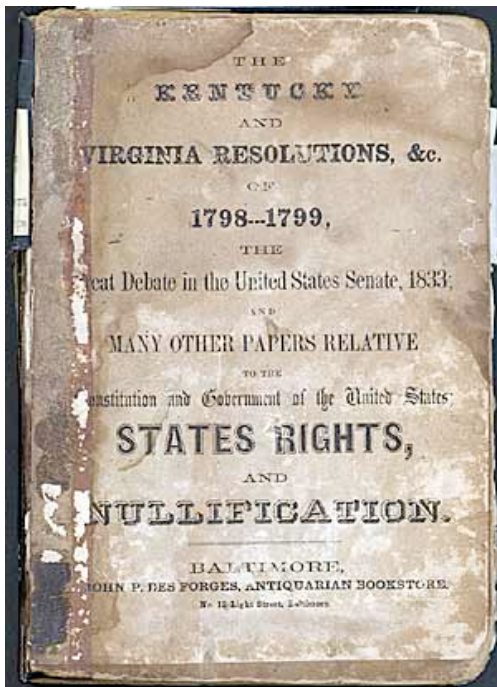
President can deport any alien during peace

raised residency requirement for citizenship from 5-14 yrs.

## The Sedition Acts

made sedition illegal

# The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions



Jefferson and Madison organized support in the southern Republican states against these acts

VA and KY declared that states had the right to declare a federal law unconstitutional within their borders and not follow it