US History

Unit 3 - The New Republic and Manifest Destiny

Don’t Know Much About History Reading

**Directions**

**Read each of the following questions and then find the answers in the reading that follows. Highlight the text that answers the question and write the question number next to it in the margin.**

*Who elected George Washington the first President?*

1. What was the general process the Electoral College followed for electing the president?

2. In what ways was the first presidential election exceedingly disorganized?

*Why didn’t Jefferson like Hamilton?*

3. What roles did Knox, Jay, Jefferson, and Hamilton have in Washington’s first “cabinet?”

4. What was Hamilton’s two-part “master plan for the financial salvation of America?” (hint: the first part actually has two parts itself)

5. Explain the “real-estate deal” between Hamilton, Jefferson, and Madison, including the problem it helped to solve.

6. What were the terms of the Jay Treaty?

7. Where were the seeds of the first political parties “sown?”

*What were the “Whiskey Rebellion” and the “Revolution of 1800?”*

8. How were Shays’ Rebellion and the Whiskey Rebellion similar? How did the endings of each differ?

9. How did Hamilton sabotage his own plan for the 1796 presidency?

10. How was Hamilton involved in the “selection” of the President in the 1800 election?

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