

Thomas Jefferson's presidency, 1800 – 1808



- **FEDERALIST FEAR OF A ‘REPUBLICAN REIGN OF TERROR’ IS NEGATED**
- **“ WE ARE ALL REPUBLICANS; WE ARE ALL FEDERALISTS.” – INAUGURAL ADDRESS**
- **COMMITS HIS ADMINISTRATION TO DECENTRALIZATION**
 - **CUTS BUDGET BY A THIRD**
 - **ELIMINATES TAXES**

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- **WHO IS THOMAS JEFFERSON?**
- **WROTE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**
 - **STAUNCH REPUBLICAN**
- **CELEBRATED IN PRE - REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE**
 - **YET, IS A FIERCE DEFENDER OF THE INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY**
- **'NOTES ON THE STATE OF VIRGINIA' (1785, PARIS)**

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- **STATES THAT PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT ARE “INFERIOR” AND “DANGEROUS”**
- ***THEREFORE* SLAVERY IS GOOD FOR ALL CONCERNED**
- **EMANCIPATION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT DEPORTATION**
- **JEFFERSON'S PROPOSAL IS TO TAKE AWAY ALL AFRICAN CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS' AND TO SHIP THEM TO 'COLONIZE' HAITI OR OTHER PLACES IN THE HEMISPHERE**

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- **'MIDNIGHT APPOINTMENTS' OF FEDERALISTS
JUDICIARY**
 - **JUDICIARY ACT OF 1801**
 - **SIXTEEN FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS**
- **STRENGTHENING OF FEDERAL COURTS IN LAND
AND BANKRUPTCY CASES**
- **JOHN MARSHALL; A FEDERALIST; AS CHIEF
JUSTICE; APPOINTED POST-ELECTION**
- **JEFFERSON IS NOT A SUPPORTER OF A 'SPOILS
SYSTEM' BUT REPUBLICANS ARE UNHAPPY
ABOUT THE STACKING OF JUDGESHIPS WITH
FEDERALISTS**
- **CONFRONTATION COMES OUT IN THE OPEN WITH
JAMES MARBURY**

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- **WILLIAM MARBURY – FEDERALIST ‘MIDNIGHT’ APPOINTEE**
- **DEMANDS LETTER OF OFFICE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE**
 - **SUES UNDER JUDICIARY ACT OF 1789**
 - **MARSHALL REALIZES THAT HE CANNOT SUPPORT MARBURY WITHOUT RISKING RETALIATION FROM THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS**

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- **IN *MARBURY V. MADISON* MARSHALL DEFTLY EXPANDS THE POWERS OF THE SUPREME COURT WITHOUT FULLY ANGERING THE REPUBLICANS**
- **MARBURY HAS THE RIGHT TO HIS OFFICE BUT THE SECTION OF THE JUDICIARY ACT GIVING THE SUPREME COURT THE AUTHORITY TO FORCE THE APPOINTMENT IS 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL'**
- **THE SUPREME COURT HAS NOW GIVEN ITSELF THE POWER OF *JUDICIAL REVIEW***
- **THE FEAR OF THE ANTI - FEDERALISTS HAS NOW BEEN REALIZED**

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- **THE FAILED IMPEACHMENT OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SAMUEL CHASE**
- **IMPEACHED FOR ‘OPINIONS HURTFUL TO THE WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY’**
- **HAD INSULTED JEFFERSONIAN REPUBLICANS**
- **HOWEVER, JUSTICES CAN BE ONLY REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOR ‘HIGH CRIMES, TREASON OR BRIBERY’**
- **JUDICIARY IS EMBOLDENED**

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- **THE HAITIAN REVOLUTION**
- **INSPIRED BY THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND SUPPORTED BY THE RADICAL FRENCH REVOLUTIONARIES IN 1794**
- **LARGEST SLAVE UPRISING IN THE MODERN ERA**
- **TERRIFIES SLAVEHOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES**
- **HOWEVER, THE CONSULATE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE IN 1802 ATTEMPTS TO SUPPRESS THE REVOLUTION**
- **A FRENCH ARMY OF 40,000 INCLUDING THEIR COMMANDER - IN - CHIEF, GENERAL CHARLES LECLERC, ARE STRUCK DOWN BY YELLOW FEVER**

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- **THE CONSULATE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE OFFERS TO SELL ITS CLAIM TO THE LOUISIANA TERRITORY (A CLAIM CEDED BY SPAIN)**
- **FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DOES NOT GIVE SPECIFIC AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASE OF LAND**
- **YET, JEFFERSON, THE CONSUMMATE 'STRICT CONSTRUCTIONIST' NOW QUIETLY SUPPORTS THE PURCHASE**
- **ANGERS FEDERALISTS WHO FEAR LOSS OF INFLUENCE WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THESE TERRITORIES AS STATES**

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- **FEDERALISTS PROPOSE A 'NORTHERN CONFEDERACY'**
- **ALEXANDER HAMILTON REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE**

- **VICE - PRESIDENT AARON BURR PROMISES TO SUPPORT THE PLAN IN RETURN FOR FEDERALIST SUPPORT TO BECOME GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK**
 - **FOILED BY HAMILTON**
 - **INFAMOUS DUEL OF 1804**
- **BURR ATTEMPTS A MILITARY EXPEDITION; IS BETRAYED AND TRIED FOR TREASON**

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- **STALEMATE IN THE WAR AGAINST
REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE**
- **FRANCE HAS KNOCKED OUT EVERY EUROPEAN
POWER OUT OF CONFLICT EXCEPT GREAT
BRITAIN**
- **BRITAIN HAS THE MOST POWERFUL NAVY BUT
DESPITE BEING OUTNUMBERED ON LAND, THE
FRENCH HAVE THE MILITARY GENIUS OF
NAPOLEON**
 - **1805: FRENCH EMPEROR NAPOLEON I
IMPLEMENTS THE 'CONTINENTAL' SYSTEM**
 - **1807: BRITISH RETALIATION: ORDERS IN
COUNCIL**
 - **ALL FOREIGN SHIPS MUST PAY TARIFF ON
GOODS BEFORE APPROACHING EUROPE**



Considered the 'product of the French Revolution', Napoleon Bonaparte, a Second Lieutenant in the French Royal Army in 1786, rapidly rose to become a full general by 1796 in the French Revolutionary armies. Expressed the possibilities of the Revolution, rising from second lieutenant to Emperor of France. His military genius allowed the vastly outnumbered armies of Revolutionary France to hold her enemies at bay until 1815. He overthrew the corrupt Directory (1795 – 1799) to become First Consul of France. Created the 'Civil Code Napoleon', many of the laws which are still used by France and other European countries today.



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- **U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS ARE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE**
 - **JEFFERSON RESPOND'S WITH**
 - **1807: EMBARGO ACT**
- **STOPS TRADE WITH ALL EUROPEAN NATIONS**
 - **FAILS MISERABLY**
- **PROBLEM IS LEFT TO SUCCESSOR JAMES MADISON**

The presidency of James Madison, 1808 – 1816



- **1808: NON – INTERCOURSE ACT; RESUME TRADE WITH ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES *EXCEPT* REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE & GREAT BRITAIN**
- **1809: MACON’S BILL NO.2; IF FRANCE OR BRITAIN REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON AMERICAN TRADE THE UNITED STATES WILL STOP TRADE WITH THE OTHER POWER**
- **1810: FRANCE LIFTS ALL RESTRICTIONS ON AMERICAN TRADE AND MADISON RECALL U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN AND STOPS ALL TRADE**

The presidency of James Madison, 1808 – 1816



- **WHY DECLARE WAR ON GREAT BRITAIN?**
- **CONTINUOUS BRITISH SUPPORT FOR ABOLITION AND HAITIAN REVOLUTION THREATENS TO UNDERMINE SLAVE STATES IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH**
- **SUPPORT FOR WAR COMES FROM SOUTHERN STATES; NORTHERN STATES AGAINST**
- **COMPLETE FAILED OBJECTIVE OF 1776; SEIZE BRITISH CANADA**

The presidency of James Madison, 1808 – 1816



- **ULTIMATELY UNDERTAKING IS EXTREMELY RISKY**
- **BRITISH TRUMP CARD IS SUPPORT OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE INCLUDING WITHIN THE UNITED STATES**
- **1812 – 1813: INVASION OF BRITISH CANADA FAILS**
 - **U.S. INVADING FORCES BURN YORK**

The War of 1812 – 1815 ; causes, course & consequences



- **BRITISH CANADA IS WEAKENED FOR YEARS TO COME**
- **1814: EMPEROR NAPOLEON I ABDICATES IN PARIS: BRITAIN NOW FOCUSES ON WAR AGAINST THE U.S.**
 - **20,000 VETERAN BRITISH TROOPS TRANSFERRED FOR INVASION OF THE U.S.**
 - **AUGUST 1814: BRITISH FORCES LAND ON CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ADVANCE AIDED BY ENSLAVED POPULATION**
 - **PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT SAW BRITISH CROWN AS LIBERATOR**

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- **24 AUGUST 1814: FOUR THOUSAND CROWN TROOPS ENTER THE U.S. CAPITAL**
- **PRESIDENT JAMES MADISON & HIS WIFE DOLLEY NARROWLY ESCAPE CAPTURE**
- **FORCED TO HIDE IN ABANDONED SLAVE QUARTERS IN MARYLAND**
- **INCREASINGLY, ESPECIALLY IN NORTHERN THEATER; INDIGENES AND PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT FIGHT ALONGSIDE CROWN FORCES**

The War of 1812 – 1815 ; causes, course & consequences



**DIRECT DOMESTIC CONSEQUENCE; THE
SECESSIONIST ATTEMPT OF NORTHERN STATES**

➤ **HARTFORD CONVENTION OF 1814;
SECESSIONIST PROPOSAL IF TERMS NOT
AGREED; ABOLITION OF SLAVERY, ONE - TERM
PRESIDENCY, RESTRICTIONS ON THE POWERS
OF FEDERAL CONGRESS**

The War of 1812 – 1815 ; causes, course & consequences



- **TREATY OF GHENT, 1814: RETURN TO CONDITIONS AS EXISTED BEFORE WAR**
- **FEDERALIST PARTY DESTROYED AS EFFECTIVE FORCE**
- **SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES REMOVED: ROAD TO EXTERMINATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IS NOW CLEARED**
- **SPANISH WITHDRAWS FROM FLORIDA IN 1819**