

# S.S. 8th - Unit 1 Launching the Republic (Grade 8)

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **Generic Course**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
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## Established Goals/Standards

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Please choose the appropriate Goals/Standards from the Standards tab above.

SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.3.b	Evaluate the effectiveness of the fundamental principles of the Constitution (i.e., consent of the governed, rule of law, federalism, limited government, separation of powers, checks and balances, and individual rights) in establishing a federal government that allows for growth and change over time.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.3.e	Determine why the Alien and Sedition Acts were enacted and whether they undermined civil liberties.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.3.f	Explain how political parties were formed and continue to be shaped by differing perspectives regarding the role and power of federal government.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.4.a	Explain the changes in America's relationships with other nations by analyzing policies, treaties, tariffs, and agreements.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.B.3.a	Assess how conflicts and alliances among European countries and Native American groups impacted the expansion of the American colonies.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.B.4.a	Assess the impact of the Louisiana Purchase and western exploration on the expansion and economic development of the United States.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.C.3.b	Summarize the effect of inflation and debt on the American people and the response of state and national governments during this time.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.C.4.a	Analyze the debates involving the National Bank, uniform currency, and tariffs, and determine the extent to which each of these economic tools met the economic challenges facing the new nation.

## Essential Questions

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Please add your Essential Questions by clicking on the Lists tab above.

- How did the Federalist and Democratic-Republican Parties form, and on what issues did they disagree?
- How did the Louisiana Purchase affect the nation's economy and politics?
- How did the United States benefit from its victory in the War of 1812?
- In what ways did Thomas Jefferson and the Republicans limit the power of the government?
- What Challenges did the United States face during Washington's administration?
- What were the challenges to the nation's stability during the late 1700's and early 1800's?
- What were the precedents that Washington established as the first president of the United States?

## Enduring Understanding

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- Differing political views led to the creation of political factions within the government.
- Geographical differences led to debates involving economic issues in the new nation.
- George Washington established lasting precedents for the executive power.
- The acquisition of land impacted political and economic functions in the United States.
- The differing views of the Republican Party shaped legislation to limit the power of the government.
- The Treaty of Ghent established politics which restored the relationship between the US and Great Britain.
- The United States government initially faced difficulties establishing powers.

## Content

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- Causes and issues surrounding the War of 1812.
- George Washington's impact on the country as the first President of the United States.
- Importance of Marbury vs. Madison.
- Jay's Treaty and the effect it had on the United States.
- Nation's economic crisis under Washington, and the plan that Alexander Hamilton had devised to deal with the National Debt.
- The continuing conflict between settlers and Native Americans.
- The impact of the Revolution of 1800.
- The impact the XYZ Affair had on the presidency of John Adams.
- The philosophies of the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans.
- The Whiskey Rebellion and how Washington dealt with this problem.

## Resources

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- "America the Story of Us" - [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)
- ActivBoard Flipcharts
- Biographies
- Chapter Powerpoints
- Discovery Ed streaming
- Google Earth
- Guided reading and critical thinking skill builder activities
- Maps, graphs, charts, and diagrams
- National Geographic Online
- The American Journey: Early Years online textbook program (glencoe)
- Various primary sources
- Various websites

