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Unit 2: Constitution and Early Republic Reading Check

Due date: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions using either your class notes OR the digital textbook provided on our class website. You may work on the questions at your own pace (either in class if time permits and/or outside of class)

SSUSH6: Analyze the challenges faced by the first five presidents and how they responded.

a. Examine the presidency of Washington, including the precedents he set

1. Who was elected the first President?
2. What is a precedent?
3. What are four precedents that Washington established while in office?
4. Who were Washington's Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury?
5. How did members of Washington's cabinet assist him?
6. Who traditionally makes up the President's cabinet?
7. What precedent was set for addressing the President during Washington's tenure?
8. What role did Washington want the US to play in the war between Britain and France?
9. Why was trade booming between Britain and the US?
10. Why did the Whiskey Rebellion start?
11. What precedent did Washington's response set?
12. What precedent did Washington set concerning the number of terms a President should serve?
13. What two issues did Washington address in his famous Farwell Address?
14. What was a basic belief of Hamilton's Federalist Party?
15. What was a basic belief of Jefferson's Democratic-Republicans?

b. Explain the presidency of John Adams including the Sedition Act and its influence on the election of 1800

16. What two people ran against each other in the election of 1796?
17. Who became President? Who became Vice-President?
18. How was the Vice President selected at this point?

19. List three impressive achievements of Adams during the Revolutionary period.
20. Why did Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans criticize Adams so harshly?
21. Why did Adams and Congress pass the Alien and Sedition Acts?
22. What were the provisions of the Alien Sedition Act?
23. How were the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions the beginning of the concept of "States Rights?"
24. Who won the election of 1800?
25. What was unusual about this election (think Electoral College)?
26. Who ultimately selected the winner of the election?

c. Explore Jefferson's expansion of presidential power including the purchase and exploration of the Louisiana Territory.

27. Even though he was a supporter of states' rights and a decentralized government, what did Jefferson do to the power of the federal government?
28. What do supporters of "strict construction" of the Constitution believe?
29. What party generally supported this belief?
30. What did "loose constructionists" believe?
31. What party generally supported this belief?
32. Which interpretation did Jefferson ACTUALLY use to govern?
33. What was one major example of Jefferson's expansion of government power?
34. Why did Jefferson want to secure the Louisiana territory?
35. Why was Napoleon willing to sell?
36. How much did the US pay for the territory?
37. How much land was added?
38. Why was this maybe "unconstitutional?"
39. Who did Jefferson send to explore this new land?
40. How long were they gone and what did they do?

d. Explain James Madison's presidency in relation to the War of 1812 and the war's significance in the development of a national identity.

41. What roles did Madison play in the development of the US prior to becoming president?
42. What challenge did Madison face as he became president?
43. List the four reasons the US's decision to declare war on Britain in 1812

44. What was the problem with the Army and Navy of the US as the War of 1812 started?

45. Where were the three areas of fighting during the War of 1812?

46. What battle did "The Star Spangled Banner" tell the story of?

47. Why was the Battle of New Orleans fought AFTER the war had ended?

48. Who won the battle?

49. Who emerged as a hero?

50. What long term effect did the War of 1812 have on the Federalist Party?

51. What impact did the war have on manufacturing in the US? Why?

52. How did the War of 1812 impact the new identity of the US?

e. Explain James Monroe's presidency in relation to the Monroe Doctrine.

53. What political party was dominating politics at the time of Monroe's election?

54. How was the nation doing economically in 1816?

55. To what is this period of economic wealth and political unity referred to as?

56. What did James Monroe warn European powers not to do?

57. What was the Monroe Doctrine?