

# Jefferson's Revolution



# Sit down, John!

- Review of John Adams presidency:
  - Political party
  - 2 important laws he passed
  - Foreign affairs
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- Things didn't go so well for him. TJ challenges him again in the next election: 1800



- ⌘ Federalists threaten civil war if TJ gets elected.
- ⌘ Republicans said that JA wanted a new monarchy.
- ⌘ Harsh, guys!

# The winner??

- ✎ TJ gets 73 electoral votes.
- ✎ So does his running mate... Aaron Burr.
- ✎ (I feel bad for JA that he was the sitting president and didn't crack the top 2. Ouch.)
- ✎ What to do next?



# Send it to the House

- ☞ The House voted for 6 days!
- ☞ TJ wins on the 36<sup>th</sup> vote!!
- ☞ This leads directly to the 12<sup>th</sup> Amendment, changing the way electors vote. This is why, after 1804, we vote for President and Vice together.



# Inauguration

- ∞ 1<sup>st</sup> one in DC.
- ∞ TJ likes things to be simple;
  - He walked, instead of taking a carriage.
  - Had people shake his hand, not bow.

“Let us, then, fellow-citizens, unite with one heart and one mind....Every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle....We are all Republicans; we are all Federalists.”

# So, where's the Revolution?

- ∞ -Limit the federal govt power over citizens and states.
- ∞ GW and JA let the govt become too involved in economic matters.
- ∞ TJ believes in laissez faire; the govt should NOT interfere in the economy.



# Laissez faire in action

- ✎ TJ cut the # of govt workers.
- ✎ Fired all the tax collectors
- ✎ Cut the # of diplomats
- ✎ Shrunk the military
  - Army budget cut in half; soldiers from 4,000 to 2,500.
  - Eliminated federal taxes. Most tax \$ came from the tariff.





# Alien and Sedition over

- ⌘ All those people fined under the acts were refunded.
- ⌘ Those imprisoned were set free.

# Didn't change everything

- ∞ Kept repaying the national debt
- ∞ Didn't fire most Federalists in office
  - Kept their jobs if they were loyal citizens, and did good work.



# Judge Marbury

- ☞ One guy who didn't get to keep his job: Judge William Marbury.
- ☞ Adams made some last minute appointments... appointing him and several other judges just before he left office.
- ☞ Republicans said this was NOT fair. Said the Federalists were trying to maintain their power.



- ✎ TJ comes in to office, tells Secretary of State James Madison to stop working on the appointments.
- ✎ Judge William Marbury sues, citing the Judiciary Act of 1789; the Supreme Court has the power to review cases brought against a federal official.



- ☞ The decision was unanimous; said that the Judicial Act was...
- ☞ UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
- ☞ Judiciary power came from the Constitution, not from Congress.
- ☞ Congress did not have the right to give power to the Supreme Court.
- ☞ The SC could not help Marbury with his appointment.



# Judicial Review

- ☞ The case was called *Marbury v. Madison*.
- ☞ Established judicial review: the authority of the SC to strike down unconstitutional laws.
- ☞ One of the most important powers of the SC!

