

Thomas Jefferson

Personal Characteristics:

Rambled when he talked
Mind jumped from topic to topic
Worn clothes
Gave impression of carelessness
Poetic
Creative
First American architect of his generation –
Monticello
Scandal – Sally Hemings

Constitution:

ANTI-FEDERALIST

Narrow / strict interpretation: Amendment 10

Position after Constitution:

Secretary of State

Philosophies:

- Decentralize (Spread) power
- Feared tyranny
- Championed liberty
- Held hope for human spirit
- Believed with education, humans could be trusted
- Supported agriculture

American Vision:

- Farming community
- Mild laws
- Equal opportunity

- Haven / Asylum for oppressed
- Preserve simplicity and equality
- Westward expansion

Foreign Policy:

- pro-France

Alexander Hamilton

Personal Characteristics:

Well-dressed
Orderly
Organized mind
Neat
Intense
Energetic

Scandal – Maria Reynolds

Constitution:

FEDERALIST

Broad / loose interpretation: “necessary and proper” clause

Position after Constitution:

Secretary of Treasury

Philosophies:

- Concentrate power with elite few
- Feared anarchy (“the Mob”)
- Championed order
- Held humans as inherently flawed
- Believed humans make poor choices

- Supported shipping and manufacture

American Vision:

- Success founded on commerce and wealth
- Strict laws
- Society of rich and poor based on English model
- Make America a new Europe
- Advance into new technological age
- Atlantic business / trade

Foreign Policy:

- pro-Britain