



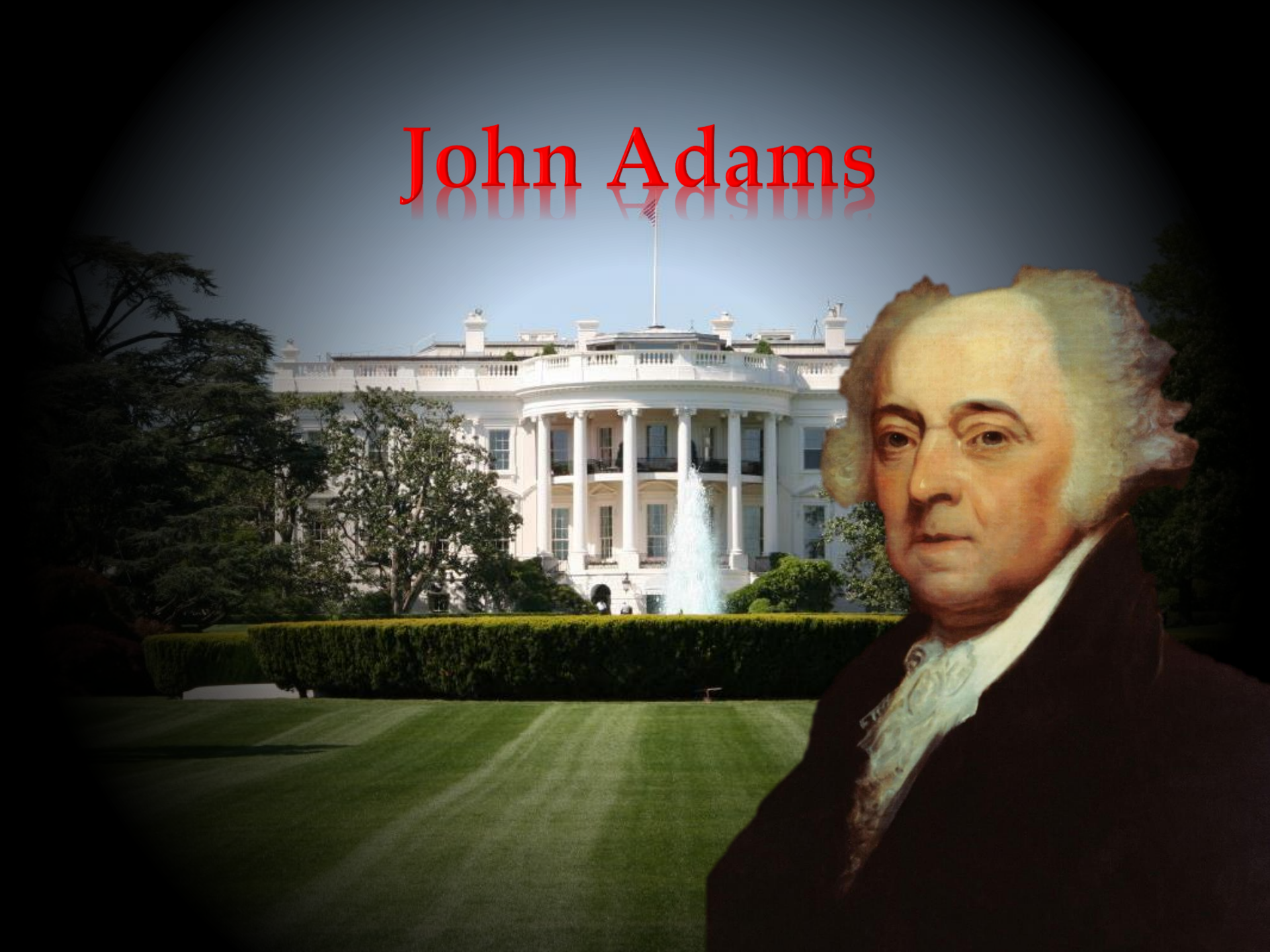
Essential Question

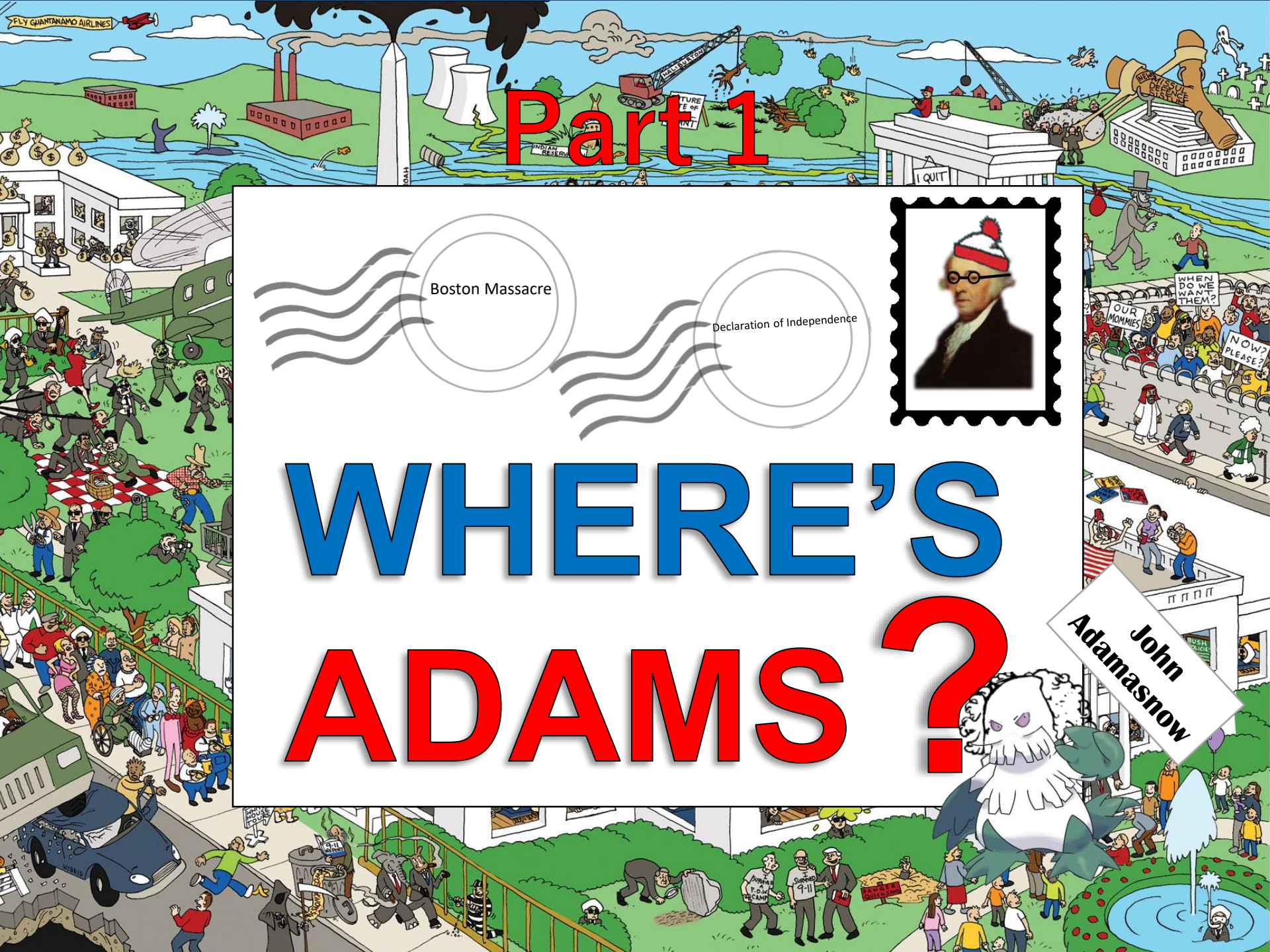
Why is John Adams such an important figure?

Why You Should Care

Adams had his hands in almost every aspect of founding the nation from the Boston Massacre to the Constitution.

John Adams





Part 1

Boston Massacre

Declaration of Independence



WHERE'S ADAMS?

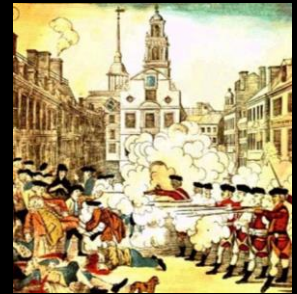
John
Adamasnow

The Revolutionary

Protested against the Stamp Act and "taxation without representation."



Defended the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre.



Ha! I'll see that those lobsters get what they deserve... **a fair trial!**



John Adams.

1770

The Continental Congress



Adams was a key member of both Continental Congresses. He argued powerfully for independence.

1775



John Adams.

The Declaration of Independence

Adams even had a hand in writing the Declaration as one of the editors.



John Adams.

1776

1st Vice President

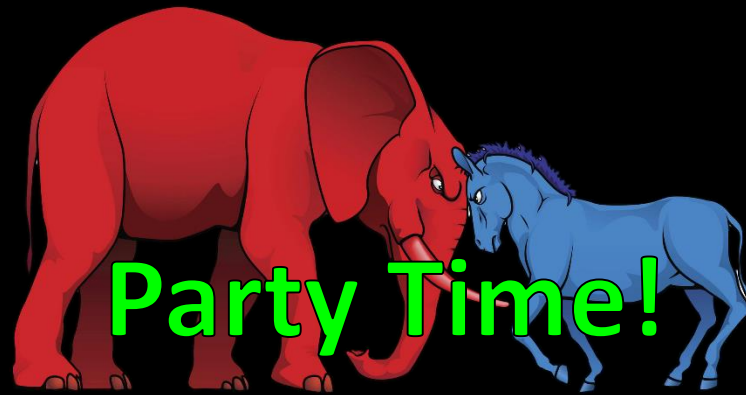
Finished second in the first election becoming Vice President.



1789



John Adams.



'Let me ... warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party ... in [governments] of the popular form, it... is truly their worst enemy.'
-George Washington

Oh... Oops.

Yeah, woo!
Everyone
loves a party!

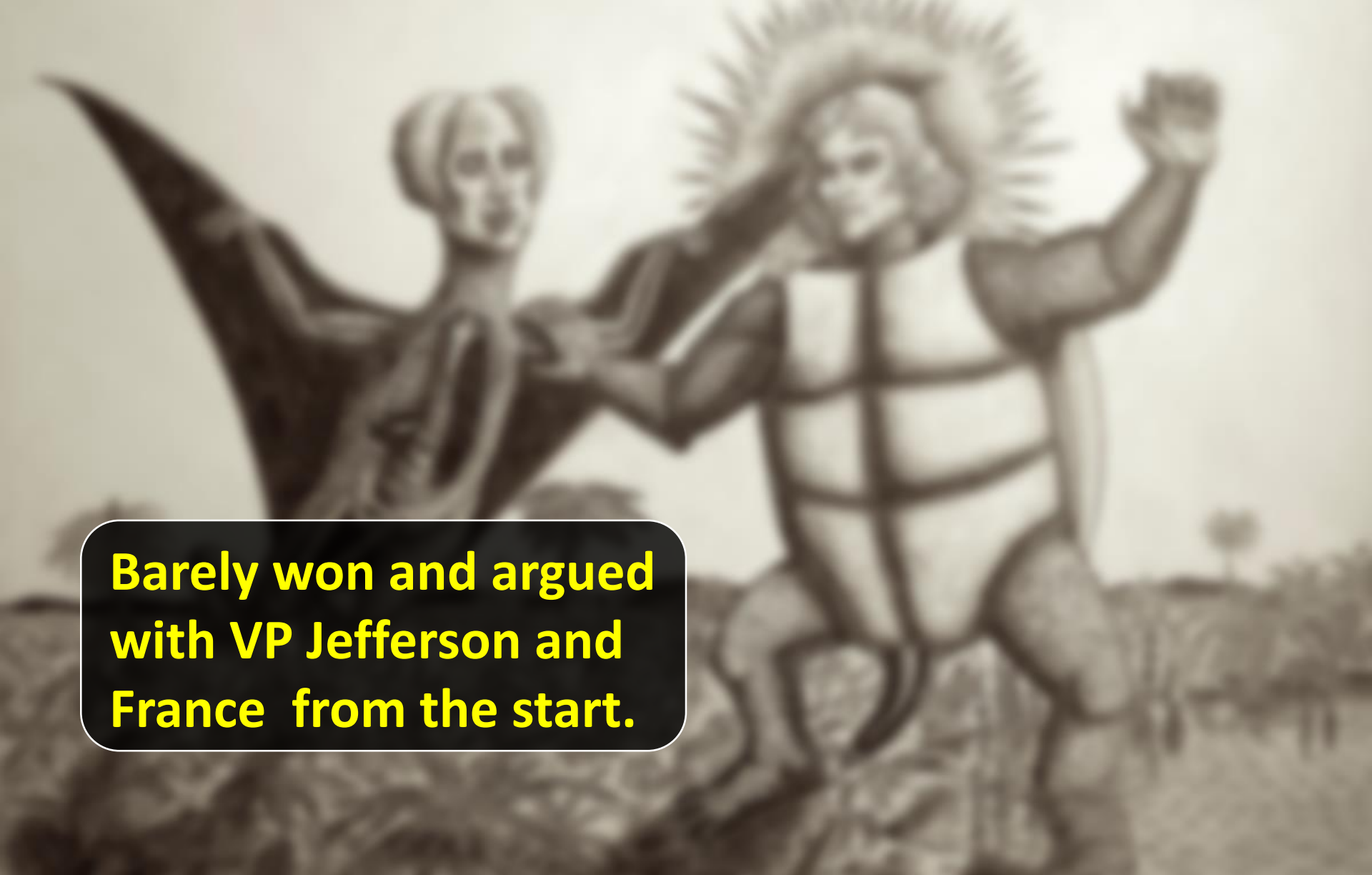


John Adams...

1796



**Part II:
The Adams Presidency**



**Barely won and argued
with VP Jefferson and
France from the start.**

1796



John Adams.



John Adams.

The XYZ Affair

French diplomats demanded a bribe to discuss peace leading the Federalists to want war.

Led to a quasi war. Support for Federalist party was at an all time high. Built up the military (new ships, larger army)



I can't hear you.
Maybe some
money could clean
my ears?

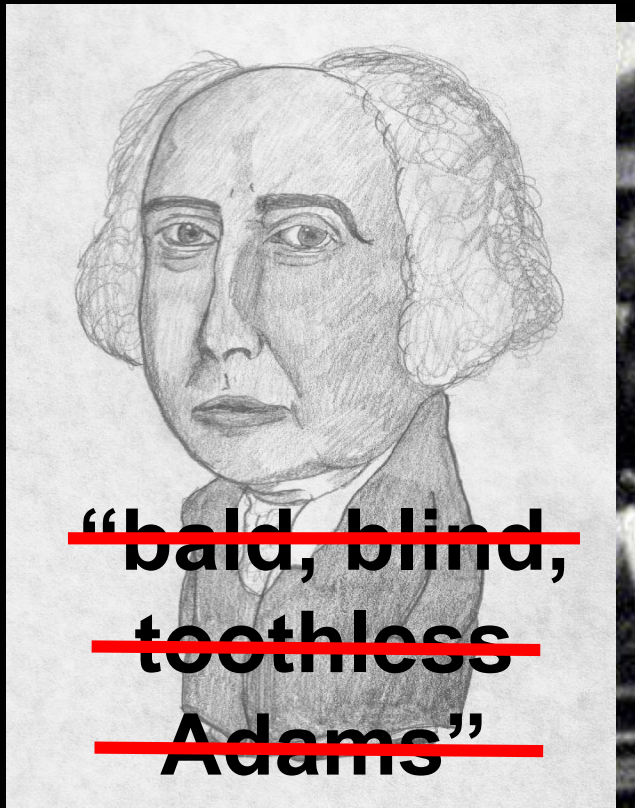


Oh yeah? Well...
uh... Let's keep
this quiet.

John Adams...

1798

The Alien and Sedition Acts



To help keep peace Adams pushed some new laws.

Alien Act - allowed president to jail or deport foreigners.

Republican newspapers began harshly attacking Adams.

Adams' responded with the Sedition Act banning speech against the government.

1798



John Adams.

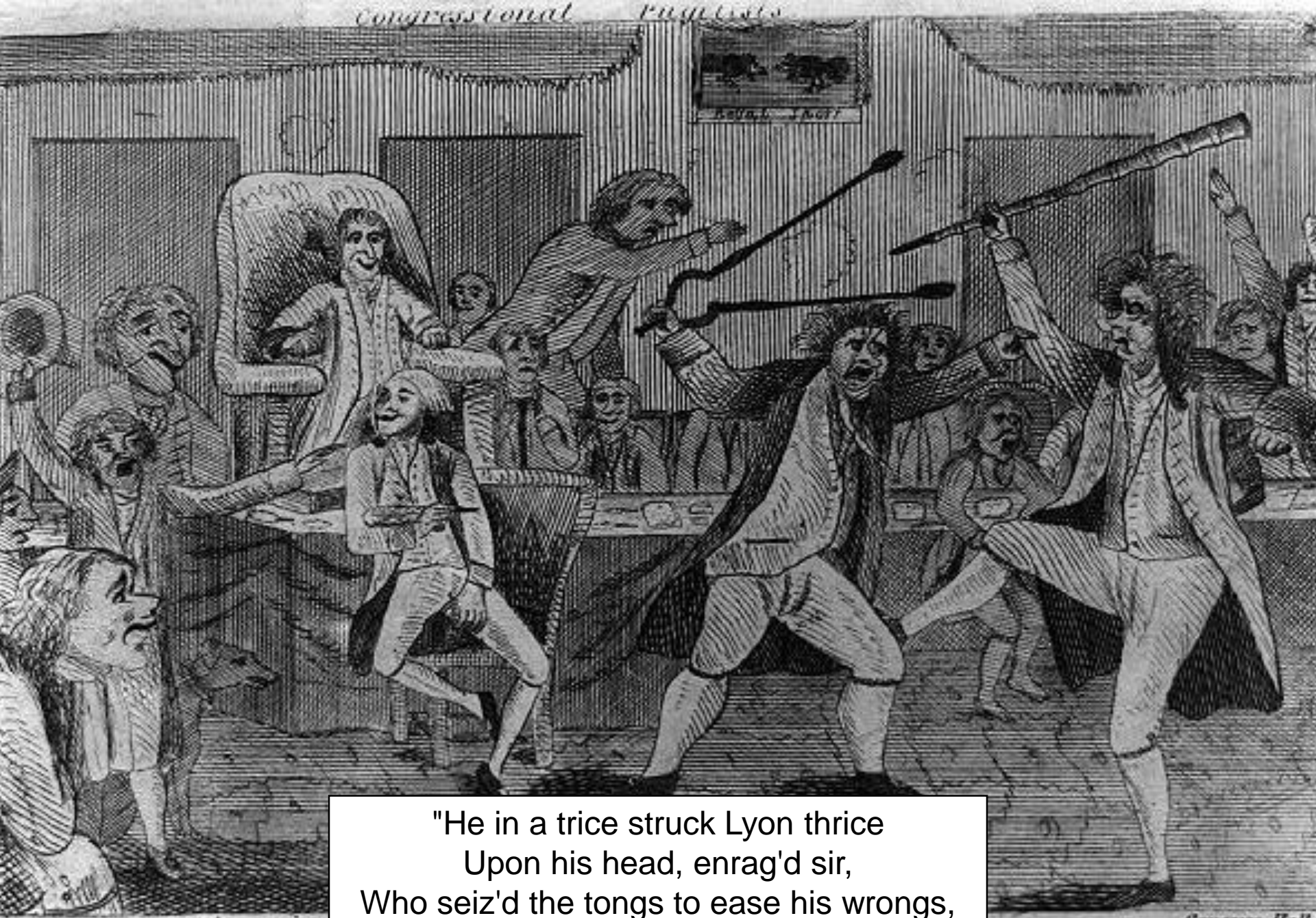
Brain Snack



Analyze this

Look carefully at the following artifact. Write what it tells you about party politics in early America.





"He in a trice struck Lyon thrice
Upon his head, enrag'd sir,
Who seiz'd the tongs to ease his wrongs,
And Griswold thus engag'd, sir."

*He in a trice
Upon his head,*

*his wrongs,
sir.*

*Congress Hall,
in Philad. Feb. 15, 1775.*

"Here lies John Adams, who took upon himself the responsibility of Peace with France in the year 1800."

It worked – war was avoided but the nation was greatly divided.

1800



John Adams.

1800 Presidential Campaign

Adams lost popularity.
Hamilton turned against
him. The campaign was
nasty and full of insults

But, did I win? I
had to right? I'M
JOHN ADAMS!



John Adams.



John Adams.