

Homework # 27 – Due Tomorrow

Aim: Was John Adams a good president for the USA?

Do Now: What are three characteristics of a “good president”? Write a response in your notebook where you explain why each one would be necessary to be considered a “good president”.

Adams Presidency



- Can he “fill” Washington’s shoes?
- Faced problems with France
- XYZ Affair – French attempted to get a bribe from US ambassadors to start negotiations
- Federalist paranoia led to passage of:
- Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)
- Alien Acts?
- Raised citizenship requirements, deports “undesirables”
- Sedition Act?
- Made it illegal to express “false, scandalous, and malicious statements” against the gov’t

Are these democratic?

John Adams

From the film "The Presidents"

Strengths and Achievements

*While watching the film,
record positive aspects of
Adams presidency*

Weaknesses and Failures

*While watching the film,
record negative aspects
of Adams presidency*

Final Summary

Answer today's Aim question in one paragraph.

Be sure to create a thesis statement and include body sentences with supporting evidence.

Cite details from the lesson, homework #24, and the film in your answer.

Close out your paragraph with a concluding statement.