NBE #24 – Chapter 11 Wrap-up

1. **Federalists vs. Republicans**
2. **Federalists**
3. Wanted strong central government
4. Felt all government decisions should be made by wealthy, well-educated men
5. Economy based on *building* things (factories)
6. Wanted a national bank (would help businessmen)
7. Sided with Britain over France
8. Called Republicans “frog-eating, man-eating, blood-drinking cannibals”
9. **Republicans**
10. Wanted weaker central government (more power for individual states)
11. Felt that average citizens could be trusted to make government decisions
12. Economy based on *growing* things (farming)
13. Against a national bank (banks don’t like to make loans to farmers)
14. Sided with France over Britain
15. Called Federalists “British bootlickers”
16. **Citizen Genet**
17. Edmond Genet was sent by France to convince Americans to join France in a war against Britain
18. Genet preferred to be called “Citizen” (showed his equality to all people)
19. Genet was welcomed by Republicans
20. Genet was not-so-much welcomed by President Washington
21. Genet started making public speeches (1) attacking the president and (2) encouraging people to rebel against their government
22. Genet went too far (even for Republicans) and was ordered to leave America
23. **The Alien and Sedition Acts**
24. President Adams response to the “Citizen Genet” situation
25. Set of 4 controversial laws
26. Three aimed at “aliens” (noncitizens)

* Immigrants now had to live in America for 14 years (up from 5) to become citizens
* The president could put in jail or deport any alien who caused trouble

1. One aimed at “sedition”

* Any person who (1) *encouraged rebellion* or (2) *spoke out against the government* would be charged with a crime

1. Used by President Adams (a Federalist) to arrest Republican newspaper writers who wrote insulting things about him
2. **Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions**
3. Republicans viewed the Sedition Act as an attack on free speech (1st amendment right)
4. Jefferson and Madison (Republicans) wrote a set of statements that said the Alien and Sedition Acts went against the Constitution and should be “nullified” (ignored)
5. Both Virginia and Kentucky adopted the resolutions
6. **“States’ Rights” Theory** – If the government misused its power, the states had a right to be the judge and ignore the government
7. **The Election of 1800**
8. Republican candidates = Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr
9. Federalist candidate = John Adams and Charles Pinckney
10. Party politics at its worst (lots of insults and propaganda)
11. Hamilton, a Federalist, disliked Adams and encouraged people to vote for Pinckney instead
12. Electors used to cast 2 votes each and the top 2 vote-getters were president and vice-president – this led to a TIE for president (Jefferson and Burr)
13. After 6 days and 35 more votes, there was still a tie
14. Alexander Hamilton, who disliked Jefferson, broke the tie by giving a speech in which he claimed that Jefferson wasn’t as “dangerous” as Burr
15. Jefferson wins the election
16. This election led to the 12th Amendment to the Constitution