

## Preamble #58 - Jefferson v. Adams

John Adams had not been a popular president, but many still admired his ability and high principles. Both he and Thomas Jefferson had played major roles in winning independence and shaping the new government. Now, political differences sharply divided the two men and their supporters. In the election of 1800, voters were also divided.

Look at the two party platforms (what the candidates were running on)

### Adams & the Federalists:

- Rule by the wealthy class
- Strong Federal government
- Emphasis on manufacturing
- Loose interpretation of Constitution
- British alliance

### TJ& the Democratic Republicans

- Rule by the people
- Strong state governments
- Emphasis on agriculture
- Strict interpretation Constitution
- French alliance

1. Which candidate would you have voted for?
2. Why would you have chosen this candidate?