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Ult. Guide to the POTUS 1789-1825

1. Who is the President of the Senate? (his name & office)
2. What is the name of the person who leads the Senate in the absence of #1?
3. Other than the Speaker of the House, what is the name of the other 2 major leadership positions for each party in the House of Representatives?

First President



- ⌘ In 1789, George Washington became the first US president.
- ⌘ Washington set many precedents as President, including creating the cabinet (a team of advisors to help him make decisions)
- ⌘ Washington's cabinet included the Secretary of State (Thomas Jefferson), Treasury (Alexander Hamilton), War (Henry Knox), Attorney General (Edmund Randolph), and Postmaster General (Samuel Osgood).
- ⌘ Today, there are 15 cabinet positions.

Political Parties

Republicans Versus Federalists

Republicans



1. Were led by Thomas Jefferson
2. Believed people should have political power
3. Favored strong state government
4. Emphasized agriculture
5. Favored strict interpretation of Constitution
6. Were pro-French
7. Opposed national bank
8. Opposed protective tariff

Federalists



1. Were led by Alexander Hamilton
2. Believed wealthy and educated should lead
3. Favored strong central government
4. Emphasized manufacturing, shipping, and trade
5. Favored loose interpretation of Constitution
6. Were pro-British
7. Favored national bank
8. Favored protective tariff

- ⌘ During Washington's presidency, members of his cabinet began to separate themselves based on their beliefs.
- ⌘ The first 2 political parties formed out of this split: Federalists (led by Alexander Hamilton) and Democratic Republicans (led by Thomas Jefferson).
- ⌘ The current Democratic party grew out from the Democratic Republicans in the 1840s and the modern Republican party formed in the 1850s.