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UNIT NARRATIVE

This unit focuses on the major political, economic, and geographic challenges faced by leaders of the early American republic. Students will examine how founding figures like George Washington, John Adams, and James Monroe responded to domestic and foreign issues such as national security, economic instability, and diplomatic policy. Through primary source analysis and discussions, students will explore Washington’s Farewell Address, the rise of political parties, and landmark events like the Northwest Ordinance and the Monroe Doctrine. They will also analyze the causes and effects of major developments such as the Louisiana Purchase, the War of 1812, and the formation of early Supreme Court precedents. By the end of the unit, students will be able to evaluate how the decisions made during this time laid the groundwork for the political and constitutional identity of the United States.

CONTENT STANDARDS

Below are the standards **taught** and **assessed** in this unit.

Early Republic		Connected Knowledge and Skills: 8.6, 8.13, 8.18, 8.20, 8.22
8.5 History: The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic.		
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards
4-8 Items	<p>8.1A: identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ...the early republic...and describe their causes and effects.</p> <p>8.5A: describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic, including maintaining national security, creating a stable economy</p> <p>8.5C: explain the origin and development of American political parties</p> <p>8.5E: identify the foreign policies of presidents Washington through Monroe and explain the impact of Washington’s Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine.</p> <p>8.6A: explain how the Northwest Ordinance established principles and procedures for orderly expansion of the United States.</p> <p>8.10C: analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States.</p>	<p>8.1B: Explain the significance of the following dates: ...1803 – the Louisiana Purchase</p> <p>8.5B: summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system.</p> <p>8.5D: explain the causes, important events, and effects of the War of 1812.</p> <p>8.11B: describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States.</p> <p>8.13A: analyze the economic effects of the War of 1812.</p> <p>8.18A: identify the origins of judicial review.</p> <p>8.18B: summarize the issues, decisions, and significance of landmark Supreme Court cases, including Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden.</p> <p>8.20A: evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue.</p> <p>8.21A: identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical events.</p> <p>8.22A: analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington and John Marshall.</p>

UNDERSTANDINGS, QUESTIONS

Key Questions

- How did world events affect American foreign policy?
- How did foreign policy change from Washington to Monroe?
- How did George Washington shape the role of president?
- How did leaders of the young republic respond to challenges?
- How did the new country develop economically?
- How and why were the first political parties formed?
- How did the power of the federal government expand in the early republic?
- How did war affect the New Republic?

Unit At-A-Glance

Lesson 01: Review American Revolution and Preview Issues of the Early Republic

Lesson 02: George Washington as President

Lesson 03: Hamilton's Financial Plan

Lesson 04: Washington's Farewell Address

Lesson 05: Political Parties in the Early Republic

Lesson 06: The Adams Administration

Lesson 07: The Election of 1800 and the Presidency of Thomas Jefferson

Lesson 08: The Louisiana Purchase

Lesson 09: Supreme Court Cases of the Early Republic

Lesson 10: Madison and the Causes of the War of 1812

Lesson 11: The Effects of the War of 1812

Lesson 12: James Monroe, Florida, and the Monroe Doctrine

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