

Jeffersonian Democracy

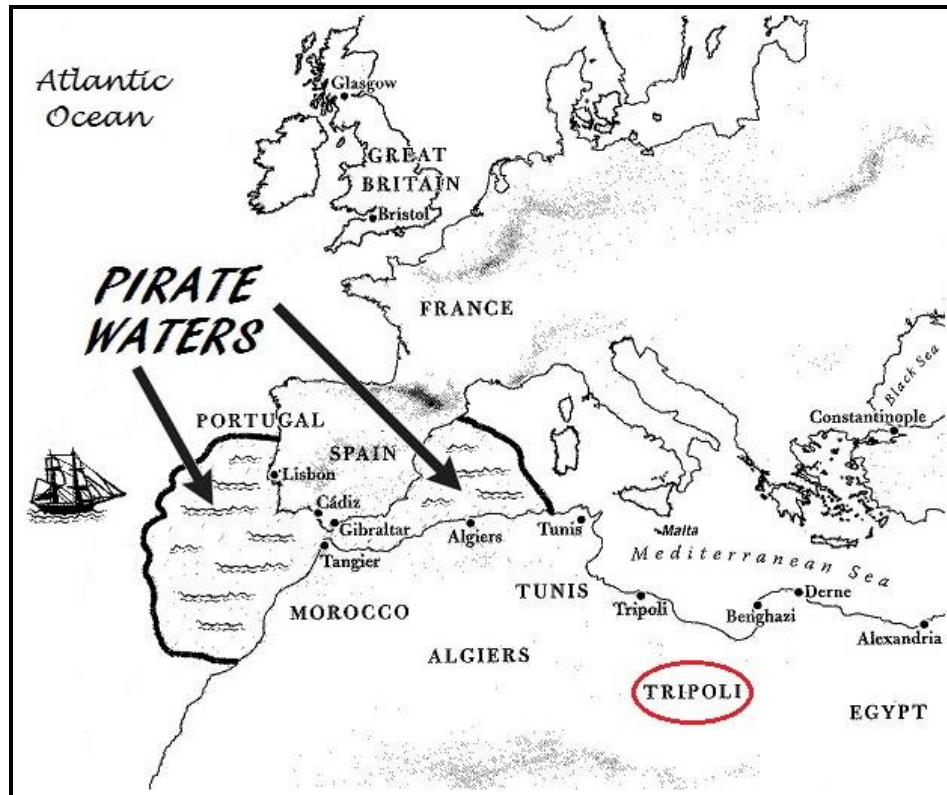
“Never did a prisoner, released from his chains, feel such relief as I shall on shaking off the shackles of power.”



JEFFERSON'S FIRST TERM = “Parade of Triumphs”

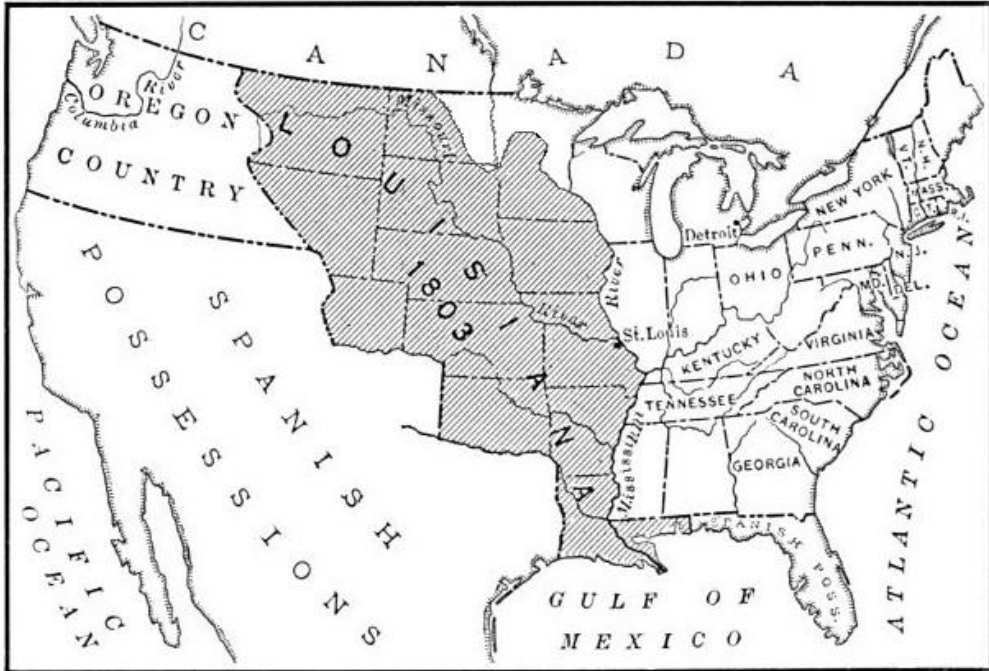
- ◆ Election of 1800 (aka “Revolution of 1800”) 😊😐😞
 - ✓ Tie vote between Jefferson & intended V-P Burr
 - ✓ Congressional elections solidly Democratic-Republican
 - ✓ Peaceful/orderly change of political machinery
- ◆ Jefferson: intelligent, reserved, casual, resentful 😊😐😞
- ◆ Inaugural Address unexpectedly tame 😊😐😞
 - ✓ His “Revolution of 1800” was not so much
 - ✓ Downplayed differences between parties
 - ✓ Hardly alarming to Federalists (still, Jefferson had an agenda)
- ◆ Jefferson’s conduct toward existing Federalist policies 😊😐😞
 - ✓ Alien & Sedition Acts ... **YES** ←circle→ **NO**
 - ✓ Whiskey Tax ... **YES** **NO**
 - ✓ Military expenditures ... **YES** **NO**
 - ✓ Hamilton’s fiscal plan ... **YES** **NO**
 - ✓ Fed’l-state power balance ... **YES** **NO**
- ◆ *Marbury v. Madison* (1803) 😊😐😞
 - ✓ Adams’s “midnight judges” desperate move by Federalists
 - ✓ Marshall’s ruling est’d “judicial review” for evermore
 - ✓ Jefferson’s attempted abuse of impeachment process

- ◆ War with Tripoli (1801-05) 😊😐😞
 - ✓ Demand of “protection money”
 - ✓ Half-hearted military effort
 - loss of USS *Philadelphia*
 - reduction of piracy fees



- ◆ Essex Junto (1803) 😊😐😞
 - ✓ Northern Confederacy by unhappy Federalists
 - ✓ Burr to New York governorship, then secession
 - ✓ Tragic bi-product → _____ (1804)

- ◆ Louisiana Territory (1803) = America × 2 ☺☹☹
 - ✓ 1763 Louisiana to Spain; 1800 Louisiana back to France
 - ✓ Purchased from France for \$15 million
 - ✓ Two-ocean country suddenly foreseeable (13+ new states)
 - ✓ Western boundary distant & vague



- ◆ Lewis & Clark Expedition (w/Sacajawea) ☺☹☹

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____



JEFFERSON'S SECOND TERM = "Cloudy Skies"

- ◆ Yazoo land frauds ☺☹☹
 - ✓ 1795 sale of Alabama & Mississippi lands by Georgia legislators
 - ✓ Land companies resold to private individuals
 - ✓ Since Georgia lawmakers bribed, original sale rescinded
 - ✓ Overturned by *Fletcher v. Peck* (1810)
- ◆ Burr's hazy conspiracy (1806-07) ☺☹☹
 - ✓ Betrayed by James Wilkinson (Louisiana terr. gov.)
 - ✓ Jefferson vs. Marshall again w/ same result
- ◆ Napoleonic Wars ☺☹☹
 - ✓ Harassment of American shipping still hap'nin'
 - ✓ Military stalemate caused economic warfare
 - Berlin Decree & Milan Decree
 - Orders in Council & *Chesapeake* incident
 - ✓ Embargo Act of 1807 ("peaceable coercion")



- disastrous to economy
- bitter public opposition
- attempts to rectify futile
- presidential disconnect

- ◆ Election of 1808 = Jefferson passes the torch ☺☹☹
 - ✓ Embargo Act fiasco dumped in successor's lap
 - ✓ Federalists gained some seats in Congress
- ◆ Madison: intelligent, conscientious, vacillating ☺☹☹
 - ✓ Sought to continue Jefferson's dismantling of Federalists
 - ✓ By end of presidency ... stronger nat'l gov't, mighty military, nat'l bank
- ◆ Non-Intercourse Act (1809) & Macon's Bill No. 2 (1810) ☺☹☹

THE WAR OF 1812 = “Mr. Madison’s War”

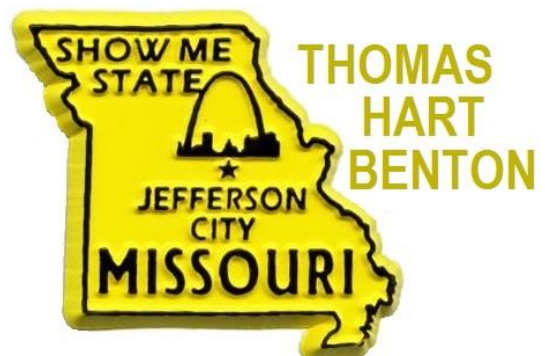
- ◆ Federalists (North) vs. “War Hawks” (South & West) 😊😊😊
 - ✓ Why war?
 - economic hardship
 - imperialistic desire (esp. Florida)
 - frontier Indian hostilities
 - spirit of patriotism aroused by arrogant British
 - ✓ Why not war?
 - pure political opposition (unanimous nay vote)
 - natural cultural & economic ties w/ Britain
 - selection of wrong European enemy
 - American military forces no match for Britain’s
- ◆ British three-pronged assault (mid-1814) 😊😊😊
 - ① Montreal (Battle of Plattsburgh)
 - ② New Orleans (casualties: Br. = 2100; Am. < 25)
 - chronology troublesome
 - real significance
 - ③ Chesapeake Bay (Fort McHenry)
- ◆ Lasting American traditions ↗ 😊😊😊
 - ① _____
 - ② _____
 - ③ _____ (?)
- ◆ Treaty of Ghent = *status quo ante bellum* (Dec 1814) 😊😊😊
 - ✓ Long process (demands, but no military basis)
 - ✓ Chief American negotiator → _____
- ◆ Hartford Convention (1814) 😊😊😊
 - ✓ Die-hard Federalists proposed amendments to Constitution
 - ✓ Denounced War of 1812 as unwinnable

ERA OF GOOD FEELINGS = “The Federalist Boat Sinks”

- ◆ Monroe: patriotic, non-partisan, unimaginative 😊😊😊
 - ✓ 1816 → defeated Rufus King (nailed shut the Federalist coffin)
 - ✓ 1820 → one electoral vote shy of unanimous
 - ✓ Last member of the “Virginia Dynasty”

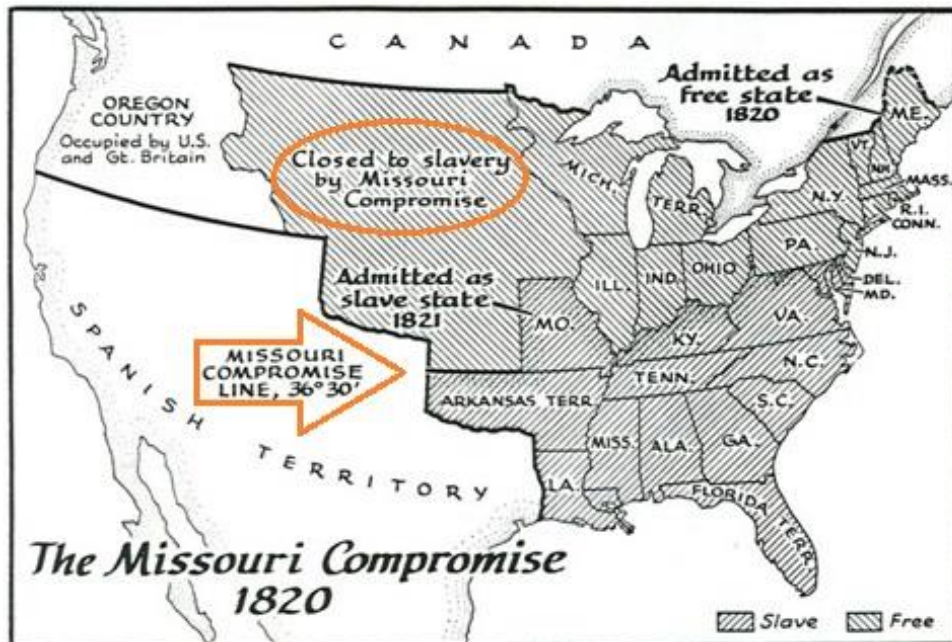
- ◆ Post-war America 😊😊😊
 - ✓ War of 1812 aka America's "Second War for Independence"
 - improved Anglo-American relations
 - revival of trade
 - lessened military friction
 - democracy amid peace & prosperity
 - shift from existence mode to spirit of growth
 - embraced Washington's isolationism idea
 - ✓ Increased immigration from Europe
 - ✓ Explosion of American patriotism & nationalism
 - July 4th celebration
 - Noah Webster's dictionary
 - ✓ Two big losers = _____ & _____

NEW POLITICAL LEADERSHIP = *"The Great Triumvirate"*



◆ Domestic issues ☺☹☹

- ✓ Market Revolution
 - < reliance on European imports ... > home production/commerce
 - < agrarian/democratic country ... > industrial/capitalistic nation
 - Exasperated sectional tensions (economic factors)
- ✓ Transportation links between East & West
 - National Road (west from Cumberland, Maryland)
 - Erie Canal (Albany to Buffalo/Lake Erie, New York)
 - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (1st run = 1830)
 - Mackinaw Zip Line (connected Michigan Terr. & Oregon Country)
- ✓ Panic of 1819
- ✓ Missouri Compromise (1820) ↗








◆ Foreign affairs ☺☹☹

- ✓ Normalization of Anglo-American relations
 - Rush-Bagot Agreement (1817)
 - demilitarized Great Lakes
 - foundation for further positive relations
 - Convention of 1818
 - joint sovereignty of Oregon Country for 10 years
 - 49th parallel = American-Canadian border
- ✓ Adams-Onís Transcontinental Treaty (1819)
 - U.S. rec'd Florida for \$5 million
 - 42nd parallel = north boundary of New Spain
 - U.S. relinquished claim to Texas

- ✓ Monroe Doctrine (1823)
 - statement of official policy (not a treaty)
 - first U.S. attempt at hemispheric leadership
 - completed evolution of U.S. independence
 - immediate targets were Russia & Spain
 - monarchial Europe vs. democratic New World
 - globally pooh-pooed; militarily unsupportable

ELECTION OF 1824 = *“The Jeffersonian Boat Capsizes”*

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1824 aka THE "CORRUPT BARGAIN"			
CANDIDATE	PREVIOUS JOB	MAJOR SUPPORT	DEPARTURE
			
			
			
			
			

- ◆ Signifies beginning of split between Jeffersonians 😊😐😞
 - ✓ “Adams men” → National Republicans ... Whigs by mid-1830s
 - moralistic & top-down
 - advocated fed’l action to promote welfare (esp. commercial)
 - ✓ “Jackson men” → Democratic Republicans ... Democrats
 - contentious & individualistic
 - promised gov’t action responsive to majority’s will
- ◆ Americans starting to view political parties more positively 😊😐😞