AP US Unit 3 Learning Goals: **Democratic Experiment Begins (1790-1824)**

1. Describe how the new federal government was put into place and began to function.
2. Describe the various means Alexander Hamilton used to put the Federal Government on sound financial footing. (The Assumption of state debts and the National Bank)
3. Explain how the conflict over Hamilton’s policies led to the emergence of the first political parties. (Alexander Hamilton vs. Thomas Jefferson – how the ideals of each led to foundational arguments over the role of our government then and to this day.)
4. Describe the polarizing effects of the French Revolution on American foreign policy and politics 1790-1800. (The development of our early isolationist Foreign Policy)
5. Explain why Washington negotiated the conciliatory Jay’s Treaty with Britain and why it provoked Jeffersonian outrage.
6. Describe the causes of the undeclared war with France and explain Adam’s decision to move toward peace rather than declare war.
7. Describe the poisonous political atmosphere that produced the Alien & Sedition acts and the Kentucky and Virginia resolution.
8. Evaluate the impact of John Marshall’s decisions – further strengthening the federal government at the expense of state’s rights.
9. Was there a Revolution of 1800?
10. Changes in party positions – Did the Democratic Republicans out-Federalize the Federalists?
11. Discuss the embargo, its rationale and its impact.
12. What were the causes and results of the War of 1812?
13. Describe the growing conflict between Nationalism vs. Sectionalism – the conflict between national power and states’ rights.
14. Was there an ‘Era of Good Feelings’? What happened to the Federalists?
15. What spurred the early Industrial Revolution in America?
16. Describe our national growth, the growth of nationalism and the development of sectional specialization and interdependence with the American System.
17. Missouri Compromise?
18. What were the diplomatic achievements under Secretary of State John Quincy Adams and discuss the Monroe Doctrine.