

Comparing Two Visions for Government

Alexander Hamilton v. Thomas Jefferson

Introduction: Two factions have emerged with ideas for our nation's government.

The **Democratic Republicans** (led by Thomas Jefferson) see a limited government, with individual opportunity whose power is land-based.

The **Federalists** (led by Alexander Hamilton) see a powerful national state. Freedom for this group means national greatness and economic development and financial power modeled after that of the British government.

Instructions: Compare and contrast the Democratic Republicans with the Federalists. What aspects of each carry over to the 21st century?