

The Visions of Hamilton and Jefferson

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PLAY

To be discussed as a class after the play is performed..

1. What position did Alexander Hamilton hold?

2. What was Jefferson's position under Washington?

3. What did Jefferson want to safeguard?

4. What was Hamilton's vision for America?

5. Why did Jefferson oppose Hamilton's view?

6. Why did Jefferson fear cities so much?

7. What does Hamilton think Jefferson really fears?

8. What does Hamilton say is the basis of an agrarian society?

9. Why does President Washington side with Hamilton?

10. What reasoning does Jefferson give for opposing Hamilton's urban republic?

11. Define the "assumption" question:

12. How much debt did the U.S. have?

13. Why does Jefferson oppose this plan to assume the debt?

14. How did Hamilton feel about state debts? Why?

15. Why did Jefferson oppose this?

16. What was the residence question?

17. Where did Hamilton want the capitol? Why?

18. Where did Jefferson want it? Who supported him?

19. Why did Hamilton want a National Bank?

20. What did Jefferson and Madison think about a National Bank?

21. How did President Washington come down on the issue?

22. List three examples of how Hamilton's vision began to "bear fruit:"

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- 2.
- 3.