



Guided Reading Activity

The Federalist Era

Section

The First Political Parties

Reading Tip

Are you confused by a part of a section? If so, reread the section and draw diagrams or jot down notes to help you. Then ask your teacher or a classmate for help.

Outlining DIRECTIONS: Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn about the first political parties. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Opposing Views

- A. _____ generally believed in a strong federal government and supported policies of the Washington administration.
- B. _____ wanted to limit the federal government's power and were followers of Jefferson and Madison.
- C. Jefferson and Madison believed in a(n) _____ interpretation of the Constitution.
- D. _____ supported representative government, and _____ wanted ordinary people to participate fully in government.

II. President John Adams

- A. The incident in which French agents demanded a bribe and a loan from the Americans became known as the _____.
- B. In order to protect the nation's security, Congress passed the _____ Acts.
- C. The Kentucky Resolutions suggested that states might _____ federal laws they considered unconstitutional.
- D. The _____ principle stated that the federal government's powers should be limited to those clearly assigned to it by the Constitution.