

Prompt one

The Constitution, upon creation in 1787, was a large compromise between the different groups within the United States. However as the French Revolution began to become a global affair, decisions based on who to supply aid to caused hostilities between the different political parties in the States to come to a head. The creation of political parties in the 1790's was caused primarily by differences over foreign issues because the country supported by the United States in the coming war amongst the European nations effected the nation's immediate and future economic policies.

- Decisions on how the United States would handle foreign affairs had immediate, direct effects on the nation's economy.
 - If country supports France they isolate European trade options.
 - Newly formed nation still trying to solve its own war debts crisis, cannot afford to assist others.
 - If U.S. supports France's rivals they violate previously made agreements and appear untrustworthy.

- Both parties had separate visions for the nation's future economy that could be either helped or hindered by decisions made regarding foreign policy in the 1790's.
 - Federalists support Britain because of potential trade. Envision a balanced economy consisting of both agriculture and manufacturing. Hamilton hopes to open immigration to increase cheap labor resources.
 - Democratic Republicans support France in its endeavors to become a Republic. Want a small scale subsistence farming economy with a weak central gov't to preserve people's rights. Jefferson thinks "true Republicans" ought to support any attempts at democracy, however flawed.