



Washington's Farewell Address

Using Evidence

Objective

What struggles did the nation face at end of the 1700's (18th Century), as a young country?

Directions: Read the three excerpts from President George Washington's Farewell Address (1796) below and answer the analysis questions on the right hand side of the excerpts.

Part 1: Unity

Vocabulary

Manufacturing: making and producing goods to sell for a profit from natural resources

Agriculture: activities related to farming for a profit or living

Patriotism: feelings of pride in a nation

Commerce: relating to business and trade

Communications: means of sharing information

<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p>	<p>"The name of American, which belongs to you...must give you a sense of patriotism about the nation, of which you should speak more of than of local concerns...<i>The North, in a dependent relationship with the south...finds great gains from the manufacturing and production of resources that come from the south. The South....benefits from the work of the North, sees its agriculture grow and its commerce expand. The East, ...finds improvement of ... communications by land and water... The West is only able to expand from the East due to these improvements the East makes...While then, every part of our country thus feels an immediate and particular interest in union.."</i></p>	<p>What is patriotism (line 2)?</p> <p>In lines 7 - 24, President Washington explains that all parts of the nation work together & are equally important. What is one example he uses to support his claims?</p> <p>Overall, is President Washington suggesting that our nation should be unified or more concerned with individual, local issues? <i>Cite evidence to support your claims.</i></p>
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Part 2: Political Parties

Vocabulary

Political parties: groups of people who organize around a set of ideas

Revenge: to inflict harm on someone because of something they did to you

Formal: official

Permanent: fixed in place, forever

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	"Let me now warn you in the most serious manner against the terrible effects of political parties in general... sharpened by the spirit of revenge... a frightful abuse of power... this leads to a more formal and permanent cruel use of power. Sooner or later, the leaders of these parties become the loudest voice, and turns the disposition [character of a person] into the purposes of his own - to gain more power for himself, and ruins the public freedom...."	Does Washington agree with or disagree with the idea of political parties? Cite one piece of textual evidence from part 2 to support your answer to the question above. How do President Washington's thoughts about political parties support or reinforce his claims about patriotism in part 1? <i>Cite one piece of evidence from both parts 1 & 2 to support your claims.</i>
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Part 3: Alliances

Vocabulary

Foreign: other nations, nations that are not your home nation

Alliances: a bond or relationship between two groups that ensures they will protect each other

Enlightened: having or showing a modern viewpoint

Political: relating to or dealing with politics & government

Economic: relating to the economy, a system of money and business

1 2	<i>“Foreign alliances might be easy to</i>	<p><u>Circle the correct answer after reading the excerpt to the left.</u> President Washington thought that forming alliances with foreign nations was....</p> <p>a) something the United States should do</p> <p>b) something the United States shouldn't do</p> <p>What does George Washington provide as evidence in support of his claims?</p>
3 4	<i>forge and seem appealing - but such</i>	
5 6	<i>attachments or alliances are</i>	
7 8	<i>particularly alarming to the truly</i>	
9	<i>enlightened and independent</i>	
10	<i>patriot...Such attachment of a small</i>	
11	<i>or weak nation to a great and</i>	
12	<i>powerful nation dooms the smaller</i>	
13	<i>weaker nation to become a</i>	
14	<i>dependent of the great and powerful</i>	
15	<i>nation. The great rule of conduct for</i>	
16	<i>us in regard to foreign nations is in</i>	
17	<i>extending our economic relations, to</i>	
18	<i>have with them as little political</i>	
19	<i>connection as possible beyond</i>	
20	<i>that....Europe has a set of primary</i>	
21	<i>interests which to us have none; or a</i>	
22	<i>very remote relation. She is engaged</i>	
23	<i>in frequent controversies, the causes</i>	
	<i>of which are essentially not our</i>	
	<i>concerns. Hence, therefore, it must</i>	
	<i>be unwise in us to bind ourselves by</i>	
	<i>alliances...”</i>	

Overall Analysis: Using all three parts of the Farewell Address, answer the following two questions.

Compare and contrast Washington's advice in the three sections. How are his claims regarding unity, political parties, and alliances similar? How are they different?

If you had to summarize the main idea of the Farewell Address as a whole, what would that main idea be in one - two sentences?