8th Grade American History

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Chapter 11

Federalist or Republican?

**Directions** – Based on what you know about Alexander Hamilton and the Federalists and Thomas Jefferson and the Republicans, identify the following characteristics as either Federalist (F) or Republican (R). Skim read pages 147 -152 for help.

THINK KNOW

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed in a strong federal government

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ felt that strong state governments were important for keeping the federal government from having too much power.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Led by Jefferson, they put faith in the goodness and wisdom of people, even the common folk, like hard working farmers.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported the idea of a national bank

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ placed large emphasis on democracy as being ultimately important

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Led by Hamilton, they believed that people are basically selfish and out for themselves, so power should **not** be given to the common or uneducated people.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported Britain in the 1793 war between Britain and France

Because Britain was a powerful and respected nation

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed that those who “own the country” ought to govern it

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ favored an economy based on agriculture – they had a problem with the national bank because it did not make loans to farmers to buy land.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ placed a large belief that government should be small and let people alone to enjoy their freedom

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The best government is the one that governs the least.

12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed in a loose interpretation of the Constitution. If it does not say we can’t do it, maybe we can.

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed in a strict interpretation of the Constitution, nothing more, nothing less

14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ They believed that the rights of the states were not as important as national power and unity.

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed in a strong government that promotes strong national economy – government based on business, manufacturing and trade

16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ They felt that if you only allow the “best people” to rule, it would come too close to a monarchy or dictatorship.

17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported France in the 1793 war between Britain and France as a

way to oppose the strong kings and nobles of England