

Launching a New Nation

Reading a Chart**Presidential Elections, 1789–1800**

The chart below provides some information about the presidential elections from 1789–1800. Each member of the electoral college voted for two candidates for President. The candidate who received the most votes became President, and the candidate who came in second became Vice President.

Directions: Study the chart below and answer the questions that follow.

Year	Presidential candidate	Party	Electoral votes
1789	George Washington	(no party)	69
	John Adams	(no party)	34
	Scattering	(no party)	35
	Votes not cast		8
1792	George Washington	Federalist	132
	John Adams	Federalist	77
	George Clinton	Antifederalist	50
	Thomas Jefferson	Antifederalist	4
	Aaron Burr	Antifederalist	1
	Votes not cast		6
1796	John Adams	Federalist	71
	Thomas Jefferson	Republican	68
	Thomas Pinckney	Federalist	59
	Aaron Burr	Republican	30
1800	Thomas Jefferson	Republican	73
	Aaron Burr	Republican	73
	John Adams	Federalist	65
	Charles C. Pinckney	Federalist	64
	John Jay	Federalist	1

1. What does the chart tell you about each election? _____

2. Who was elected Vice President in 1792? _____
3. Why do you think it says “(no party)” under **Party** for the election of 1789?

4. In the election of 1796, did John Adams win by a wide margin?
