

## Comparing the Ideals of Hamilton and Jefferson

**Directions:** Complete the chart below for the historical figure your group created a poster about. Then, go to the side of the classroom where your teacher has hung the posters of the historical figure you did not study. "Read" the posters the other groups made and record your findings on the chart below.

Issue	Hamilton	Jefferson
<b>Nature of Human Beings</b>	Had generally negative view of people. Argued the people were motivated most often by their passions and self-interest. Thought only the elite had the capability of governing effectively.	Had generally positive view of people. Thought the "common man" could make good decisions if "he" were provided with proper information. Believed in democracy. Worried that power in the hands of the few would lead to corruption.
<b>Best Type of Government</b>	Strong supporter of a powerful federal government. Thought power should be concentrated in the hands of a few capable men. Believed only the elite could make good decisions. Sharp critic of the Articles of Confederation.	Strong supporter of giving much power to the states and keeping the federal government small. Thought government power should be given to the people. Acknowledged that the Articles of Confederation had problems, but liked that they gave states much power.
<b>Political Party and Its Ideas</b>	Member of the Federalist party. Federalists believed in strong federal government, fewer states' rights, and a "loose" interpretation of the Constitution.	Member of the Republican Party. Republicans believed in strong states' rights, limited power for the federal government, and a "strict" interpretation of the Constitution.
<b>Ideal Economy</b>	Supported a strong industrial nation. Believed that industrial leaders should direct the nation's economy. Favored a government-sponsored national bank to support industrial businesses.	Envisioned an agricultural society of small, independent farmers. Believed this would lead to nationwide prosperity. Thought the federal government should stay out of economic matters.
<b>View on the Constitution</b>	Strong supporter of the Constitution. Had a broad or "loose" interpretation of the Constitution. Believed federal government had wide-ranging powers due to the clause allowing Congress to make any law "which shall be necessary and proper."	Generally accepted the Constitution, but was concerned the president was too powerful. Promoted Bill of Rights to protect individual rights. Had narrow or "strict" interpretation of the Constitution. Believed powers not specifically given to the federal government belonged "to the states respectively, or to the people."