

George Washington and Alexander Hamilton: The Political and Economic Foundations of a New Nation

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The major topics that will be dealt with in this Institute will be: the development of political parties and the legitimization of the national authority; the roles of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams and James Madison in this political process; and the demographic, social, economic and geographical dimensions of the early republic.

Below is a tentative schedule for lectures and reading assignments for the week. I say tentative because I want to be open to spontaneous discussions that might take us beyond the topic assigned for a certain day. There is quite a bit of reading, but I am assuming that you will have most if not all the reading completed before the Institute begins. Also I am assuming that you will come ready to discuss the topics addressed in the reading. I believe that it is critical to the success of our Institute that our meetings combine lectures with discussion and that everyone participates.

I'm looking forward to meeting and discussing with you some of the major issues that shaped American political culture.

Monday, July 14th

The United States in 1789

- Hutson, "Country, Court and Constitution..."
- Kohn, "Inside Story of Newburgh Conspiracy..."
- Flexner, Washington, chapters 1 – 25
- McDonald, Hamilton, chapters 1 – 4
- Sharp, American Politics in Early Rep...., Introduction
- Ellis, Founding Fathers, preface
- Jefferson, Notes on the State...

Tuesday, July 15th

The Constitution and the Battle over Ratification

- Cornell, "Aristocracy Assailed...."
- Madison, "Federalist 10"
- McDonald, chapter 5
- Flexner, chapters 26 – 29
- Sharp, chapters 1 and 2
- Ellis, chapter 3

Wednesday, July 16th

Washington and the Union

- Unger & Tomes, editors, Hamilton's Financial Reports and Washington's Farewell Address
- Slaughter, Whiskey Rebellion, all
- Sharp, chapters 3 – 6
- Flexner, chapters 30 – 46
- McDonald, chapters 6 – 13
- Ellis, chapters 2 and 4

Thursday, July 17th

The Rise of the Opposition

- Unger and Tomes, "Alien and Sedition Acts"
- Sharp, "Unraveling the Mystery of Jefferson's letter"
- Sharp, chapters 7 – 10
- Ellis, chapter 5
- Flexner, chapters 47 – 52
- McDonald, chapters 14 and 15

Friday, July 18th

The Revolution of 1800

- Sharp, chapters 11, 12 and Epilogue
- Ellis, chapters 1 and 6