

2024-02-13 - John Adams - Letter June 28, 1813

Prayer

Bible - Matthew 5:43-48

Quiz

1. What colony and state was George Washington from? [Virginia]
2. Did George Washington die before 1800 or after? [before - 1799]
3. Did George Washington advise that the states stay unified under one national government, or divide into independent states? [stay unified]
4. Was George Washington commander of The Continental Army first, or president of the United States first? [commander of the army]
5. What did George Washington want to do when he had finished his service as President? [retire - go home - farm]

BONUS: In his farewell address, where did George Washington say he would be going soon, meaning after he had died? [mansions of rest]

Recitation

President John Adams (1735-1826)

born in Massachusetts

studied at Harvard College at age 16 graduated 1755

studied law at Harvard; graduated 1758; became a lawyer 1759

1764 age 28 married Abigail Smith, age 19; his third cousin

they had six children; two died in early childhood

one of their sons was later President John Quincy Adams

became the most prominent lawyer in Boston

1774 delegate to First and Second Continental Congress

1775 he is the one who nominated George Washington to be commander of the army

1776 the most important figure in passing the Declaration of Independence

ambassador in France, Holland, and Great Britain

1788 elected vice president; began term in 1789; served as VP until 1797

1796 elected vice president narrowly over Jefferson; began term 1797

1800 moved to the new capital at Washington DC; lost election to Jefferson

1801-1826 mostly farmed in Massachusetts

1812 began correspondence with Jefferson - rich source - 158 letters

1826, age 90, died July 4 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence
(Jefferson died earlier the same day)

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Quotes and Allusions

Are there any identifiable Bible references?

...for a greater Character than Priestley or Godwin has Said, "Be ye perfect &c."

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Consistency or Inconsistency with Deism

Is this letter from John Adams consistent with deism? No.

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Excerpt to Memorize - no new one this week

Grammar Notes