

The French Revolution, Neutrality, and President John Adams

DIRECTIONS: Read "The French Revolution" on page 169-170 of the textbook. Then answer these questions.

1. What does the word *impressment* mean in this section? Who was being *impressed*?
 2. How did Americans react to Jay's Treaty?
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DIRECTIONS: Now read "Troubles With France" and "The Alien and Sedition Acts" on pages 172-174 of the textbook and answer these questions.

1. What group of Americans wanted to go to war with France? Which group wanted to stay out of war?
2. What does the phrase "Millions for defense, but not one sixpence for tribute!" mean?
3. The phrase *war fever* is a metaphor. Think about what having a fever does to a person's body and mind. How is that similar to what the desire for war might do to a country?
4. How did President John Adams avoid war with France?
5. Looking at the cartoon titled "The Five Headed Monster" on page 173, what opinion do you think the cartoonist has of the French government? What evidence supports your view?
6. What did the Alien Act do? What did the Sedition Act do?
7. Look at "Links to Government" section at the top of page 174. In your opinion, who should have more power: the states or the federal government? If the people of one state believe that a United States law is not right, should they have the right to ignore that law within their state? Explain your answer.
8. Right now, medical marijuana laws in California and other states go *against* federal drug laws that make the sale and possession of marijuana for *any* purpose illegal. Do you think California is right to make these laws? Could there ever be any trouble or conflict that could come from having state and federal laws that contradict (go against) each other?