



DEMO: Jefferson vs. Hamilton



Your Critic + Background Info on him:

CRITIC: Thomas Jefferson

- Third President of the US; Founding Father; Vice President
- Lead writer of the Declaration of Independence
- Louisiana Purchase
- Agrarian farmer from Virginia
- Southern slave holder

Criticism of Hamilton's National Bank of the US Plan:

- A national bank will corrupt politics
- Will lead to price inflation
- Forming a new bank is “unconstitutional”
- Would benefit businesses in the North; harm the agrarian system in the Southern states
- Northerners would get bailed of war debt

Your Plan:

Move the federal capital into the South to balance the nation's economic center.

Why is Your Plan Better than Hamilton's?

- The South has a thriving agrarian slave economy
- Hamilton's plan puts too much power in the hands of the North and endangers the democracy they just fought to win.
- Nothing in the US Constitution allowing for a National Bank
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Your Thesis Statement:

Hamilton's plan is both constitutionally and economically imbalanced and unsound. In order to balance the nation's economic center, the federal capital

should be moved to the South.

Does Your Thesis Statement....?

✓ Criticize Hamilton's plan?

Propose an alternative that you can discuss further?

✓ Suggest a better plan?

✓ Argue WHY this plan is better than Hamilton's?