

COMPARING FEDERALISTS AND DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICANS

The first two political parties in America were the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans. **Research the aspects of the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans to complete the table below.**



	DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICANS	FEDERALISTS
Founder(s)/ Key figure(s)	Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe	Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, John Jay, John Marshall, and/or George Washington
What occupations typically supported the party?	Wealthy enslavers, farmers, artisans, workers	Wealthy merchants and businessmen
In what region was the party most popular?	The South	New England
How did this party interpret the Constitution?	Strict interpretation	Broad or loose interpretation
Did the party favor a strong central government or states' rights?	States' rights	Strong central government
What was the party's view of the National Bank?	Opposed	Supported
What foreign country did the party support?	France	Britain

BONUS: Compare the legacies of the first two political parties. Which one do you think had a greater impact on U.S. history?