

STANDARD USI.7c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the challenges faced by the new nation by
 c) describing the major accomplishments of the first five presidents of the United States.

| Essential Understandings | Essential Questions | Essential Knowledge | Essential Skills |
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| <p>Congress and the first five presidents made decisions establishing a strong government that helped the nation grow in size and power.</p> | <p>What major national issues and events did the first five presidents face?</p> | <p>All of the first five presidents were Virginians except John Adams.</p> <p>Accomplishments during the first five presidencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Washington <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Federal court system was established. – The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution of the United States of America. – Plans were created for development of the national capital in Washington, D.C. Benjamin Banneker, an African American astronomer and surveyor, helped complete the design for the city. • John Adams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A two-party system emerged during his administration. • Thomas Jefferson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – He bought Louisiana from France (Louisiana Purchase). – Lewis and Clark explored new land west of the Mississippi River. • James Madison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The War of 1812 caused European nations to gain respect for the United States. • James Monroe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – He introduced the Monroe Doctrine warning European nations not to interfere in the Western Hemisphere. | <p>Identify and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of events and life in United States history. (USI.1a)</p> <p>Sequence events in United States history. (USI.1c)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (USI.1d)</p> <p>Interpret excerpts from notable documents. (USI.1h)</p> |