

1800 Presidential Election

The United States presidential election of 1800 was a hotly contested race between Democratic-Republican Thomas Jefferson and Federalist John Adams. The Electoral College, which elects the president and vice president, was deeply split. There were a total of 138 electoral votes—equal to the number of senators and representatives in Congress at the time—and a candidate had to receive a majority of those votes to win.

Use the information in the table and the map on the next page to complete the Map Activity and answer the questions that follow.

1800 Presidential Election Results		
State	Electoral Votes	Winner
Connecticut	9	Adams
Delaware	3	Adams
Georgia	4	Jefferson
Kentucky	4	Jefferson
Maryland	10	Split: Adams, 5 votes
Massachusetts	16	Adams
New Hampshire	6	Adams
New Jersey	7	Adams
New York	12	Jefferson
North Carolina	12	Split: Adams, 4 votes
Pennsylvania	15	Split: Adams, 7 votes
Rhode Island	4	Adams
South Carolina	8	Jefferson
Tennessee	3	Jefferson
Vermont	4	Adams
Virginia	21	Jefferson

MAP ACTIVITY

1. Gather three highlighters or pens of different colors. With the first highlighter or pen, fill in the box next to "John Adams" in the map's key. Use the same highlighter or pen to shade the states that voted for John Adams in the 1800 presidential election.
2. Use the second highlighter or pen to fill in the box next to "Thomas Jefferson" in the key. Use the same highlighter or pen to shade the corresponding states in the map.

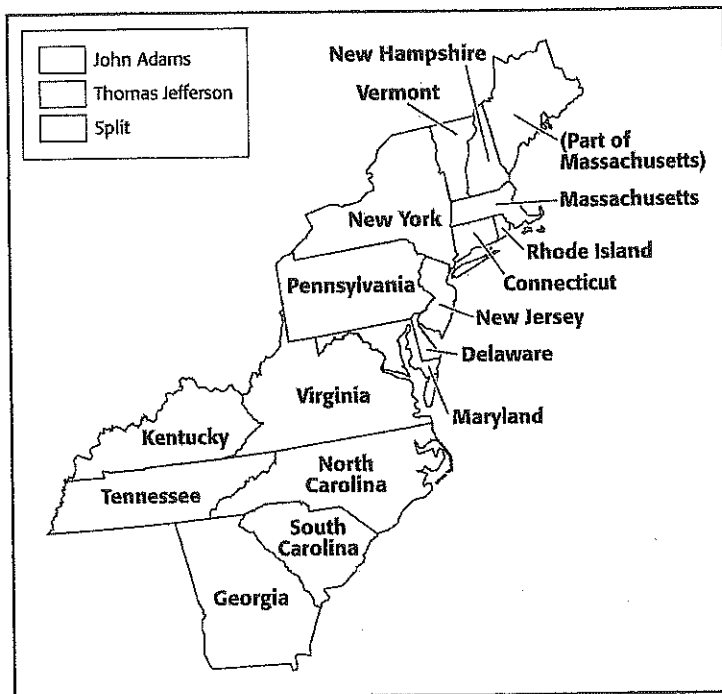
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3. Use the third highlighter or pen to fill in the box next to "Split" in the map's key. Use the same highlighter or pen to shade the corresponding states in the map.
4. In each state on the map, write the number of electoral votes that it gave to each candidate. If the state is too small for the numbers to fit, write the number alongside the map and connect it to the state with a line.

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ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Analyze** How many states did John Adams completely win? How many states did Thomas Jefferson completely win?

2. **Analyze** How many electoral votes did Adams receive? How many did Jefferson receive?

3. **Region** Which candidate received more support in the South? Which candidate received more support in the Northeast?

4. **Analyze** John Adams won one more state than Thomas Jefferson. The two candidates split the remaining three states. Since Adams won more states, why wasn't he the winner of the election?
