Chapter Nine

An Agrarian Republic, 1790 – 1824

Part One

Introduction



- * How did America's economy develop in a world of warring great powers?
- * What was the role of Jefferson's presidency and his agrarian republicanism in forging a national identity?
- * How did the divisive War of 1812 end colonial dependency?
- * How did westward expansion become a nationalizing force?

Part Two

Expansion Touches Mandan Villages on the Upper Missouri



- * Lewis and Clark visited the Mandan villages in what is now North Dakota.
- * The Mandan lived by agriculture and hunting and lived in matrilineal clans.
- * The male chiefs met with Lewis and Clark who offered them a military and economic alliance.
- * Americans established Fort Clark as a trading base.
- * Americans brought diseases like smallpox that wiped out the vast majority of Mandans.

Part Three

North American Communities from Coast to Coast



- * To protect their interests against Russian and British expansion, the Spanish had established a chain of missions throughout California.
- * The Spanish also controlled New Orleans, though in 1800 it was:
 - a polyglot, French-dominated society that was half black; and
 - an international port.
- * Americans were concerned that whomever controlled New Orleans could choke off commerce along the Mississippi River.
- * East and West Florida dominated the Gulf of Mexico, and Spain opened the area to American immigration.

Haiti and the Caribbean

* The Caribbean posed strong challenges because of the sugar industry.

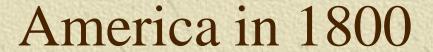
* The Caribbean slave societies were jolted by the successful slave revolt in Haiti.



- ** The heart of British North America was the former French colony of Quebec. Loyalists comprised most of the other settlers.
- ** The American Revolution caused Great Britain to create a national legislature under strict executive control.



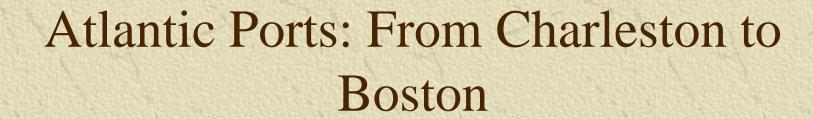
- Russian settlements in Alaska were an extension of its conquest of Siberia.
- * The Russians established Sitka in 1804.
- ** Russia established new settlements in California, including Fort Ross.



- * Map: America in 1800
- *In 1800, the United States was surrounded by European colonies.



- * The trans-Appalachia West was the most rapidly growing region of the United States.
- * By 1800, 500,000 Americans lived in Trans-Appalachia.
- Cincinnati served as major trading center for the Ohio River Valley.
- * River traffic to and from New Orleans increased annually, though Westerners were concerned over who controlled the city.

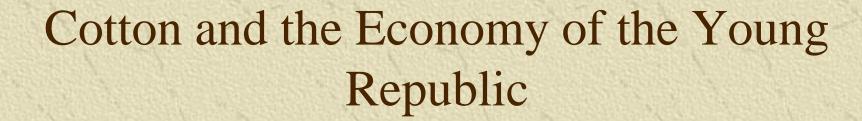


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- * Only 3 percent of Americans lived in cities
- * Philadelphia, Baltimore, Charleston, Boston, and New York dominated trade.
- **Each** city had its own distinct economy and culture.
- * These cities led the nation socially, politically, and economically.
- * Those with the greatest ties to the trans-Appalachian West thrived.

Part Four

A National Economy



- * Table: American Export Trade, 1790 1815
- * Most Americans lived in rural, agricultural communities.
- * Northerners were generally self-sufficient.
- *The plantation regions of the South were heavily involved in marketing crops overseas, but demand for tobacco and rice only rose to pre-Revolutionary levels.

Shipping and The Economic Boom

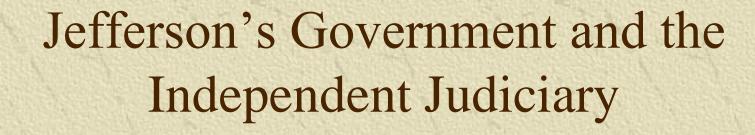
- * In 1790, American shipping had been hurt by the end of ties with Great Britain.
- * The outbreak of war in Europe and American neutrality vastly expanded trade, fueling the growth of American coastal cities.
- * The economic boom included:
 - American entry into the Northwest fur and China markets;
 - an active shipbuilding industry; and
 - trade stimulated the rise of insurance companies, banks, and brokers catering to the international market.
- * By 1820, the United States was building a strong, diversified national economy.

Part Five

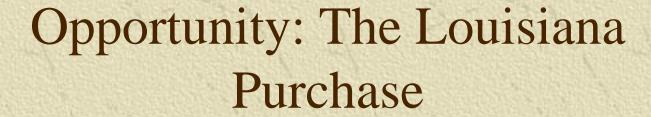
The Jefferson Presidency



- ** Thomas Jefferson emerged as a strong president with strong party backing.
- * Jefferson's ideal was an agrarian republic of roughly equal yeoman farmers. America's abundant land allowed Jefferson to envision a nation of small family farms.



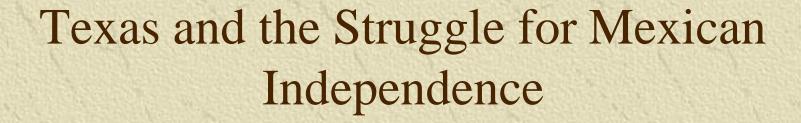
- Jefferson's promise to reduce the size of the federal government was fulfilled by:
 - cutting internal taxes; and
 - reducing the size of army, navy, and government staff.
- * The unfinished state of the nation's capital reflected the emphasis on local communities.
- * While removing Federalist officeholders, Jefferson provoked a landmark Supreme Court decision.
- * Marbury v. Madison did not restore William Marbury to his post, but it established the principle of judicial review and an independent judiciary.



- * Map: Louisiana Purchase
- * The conflict between France and Britain threatened American security.
- * Napoleon's acquisition of the Louisiana Territory threatened American access to the Mississippi River.
- ★ Jefferson attempted to buy New Orleans, but accepted the French offer to buy the entire territory.
- * The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States, fulfilling Jefferson's desire for continued expansion.



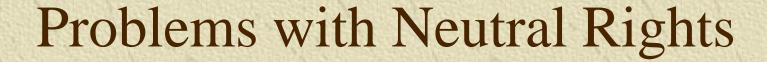
- *The French customs of Louisiana conflicted with the English-derived American traditions.
- * The solution was to maintain aspects of French institutions in Louisiana.



- ** Acquisition of Louisiana put the United States in conflict with Spain.
- ** Spain's involvement in the Napoleonic Wars caused its American empire to slip away.
- ** Several populist revolts fueled a strong independence movement in Mexico.

Part Six

Renewed Imperial Rivalry in North America



- In his second term, Jefferson faced problems protecting American neutrality.
- British ships seized American vessels trading in the French West Indies and impressed sailors into the Royal Navy.
- Congress first imposed a boycott and then passed the Embargo Act on foreign commerce that:
 - did not change British policy;
 - caused a deep depression; and
 - led to widespread smuggling.
- * During the presidency of James Madison, the Embargo Act was repealed.
- * Other similar acts passed later also proved ineffective.



- * Indian affairs remained among the most difficult foreign problems.
- * Western tribes resisted American incursion into their territory.
- * Jefferson hoped that Indians would either be converted to white civilization or moved across the Mississippi River. Neither policy won much Indian support.



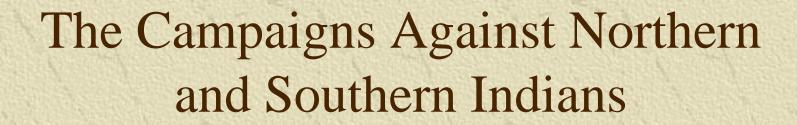
- * The Shawnee emerged as the leading force of Indian resistance in the Ohio Valley. Tecumseh led a band that attempted to escape contact with whites.
- * His brother, Tenskwatawa, The Prophet, called for a rejection of white ways and built a pan-Indian religious movement.
- * Tecumseh formed a pan-Indian confederacy and was initially defensive but soon advocated military resistance.
- * While Tecumseh was in the South, a American army defeated Tenskwatawa's followers at Tippecanoe.
- * In response, Tecumseh formally allied with the British.
- * Map: Indian Resistance

Part Seven

The War of 1812

The War Hawks

- * Map: War of 1812
- * Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun were leaders of a new generation of War Hawks from the South and West that supported war as a means of expansion.
- ** Madison's declaration of war received no Federalist support.



- * American efforts to capture Canada failed due to:
 - New England opposition;
 - the strength of the British-Indian forces; and
 - the resistance of Canadians.
- The Americans won the Battle of the Thames, at which Tecumseh was killed.



- * Andrew Jackson and Indian allies defeated the Creek Indians and invaded Florida.
- * The British navy established a strong blockade and burned Washington.
- ** Continued opposition from New England led to the Hartford Convention.
- ** Federalists demanded redress of grievances though they dropped talk of secession.



- * The Treaty of Ghent ended the war without addressing the major grievances, but the British did agree to evacuate the western forts.
- * Andrew Jackson's victory at New Orleans saved American pride.
- * The war also ended lingering feelings of American colonial dependency.
- * The Indians were the only clear losers.

Part Eight

Defining the Boundaries



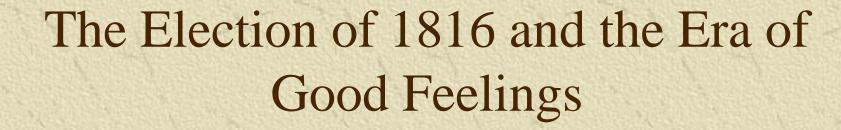
- * Map: Spread of Settlement
- ** Peace brought widespread Indian removal that opened lands and enabled Americans to resume their westward migration.

Migration Routes

- ** Northern migrants traveled the Genesee Turnpike.
- ** Middle States settlers went west on the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Turnpike and the National Road.
- * The Wilderness and Federal Roads were southern migration routes.

Western Settlement

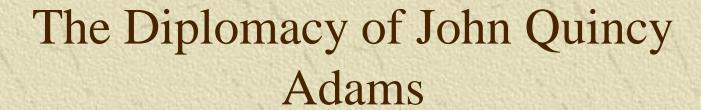
- * Table: Western land sales
- * Overpopulated farmland in the East pushed Americans to cheap land in the West. Easterners brought the culture and values of their home regions with them.
- * The Old Northwest shared New England values.
- * The Old Southwest was based on plantation slavery.



- ★ James Monroe presided over the post-war "era of good feelings."
- Monroe brought former Federalists into his cabinet.
- * Embracing most of Henry Clay's American System that updated many of Hamilton's ideas, the Monroe administration:
 - established the Second Bank of the United States:
 - passed a protective tariff; but
 - would not subsidize roads and canals the third part of the American System.



- Madison and Monroe broke with Jefferson's agrarianism and embraced the Federalist program for economic development
- * The American System included:
 - The establishment of a national bank
 - A tax on imported goods to protect American manufacturers
 - A national system of roads and canals



- * Map: John Quincy Adams's Border Treaties
- * Secretary of State John Quincy Adams laid the foundation for continued expansion. Two treaties with Britain established a demilitarized Canadian border and provided for the joint occupation of Oregon.
- * The Adams-Onis Treaty turned over Florida to the United States and relinquished claims to Louisiana.
- * Adams defined the response of the United States to emerging nations in the Western Hemisphere by designing the Monroe Doctrine.



- * New problems emerged as Americans moved westward.
- * A land boom was financed by speculative buying and easy credit.
- * The Panic of 1819 was triggered by the Second Bank of the United States foreclosing on loans that led to six years of depression.
- * The Panic of 1819 hurt urban workers suffering from the decline in trade and manufacturing failures.
- * Manufacturers pressed for higher protective tariffs, angering Southerners.



- * Map: The Missouri Compromise
- **Effort to admit Missouri into the Union as a slave state created a crisis.**
- * Northerners opposed the creation of new slave states because it would tip the balance between slave and free states.
- Southerners sought to expand slavery and were concerned that Congress would even consider the matter.
- * Henry Clay forged a compromise that maintained the balance between free and slave states.
- Maine was admitted as a free slave state and slavery was barred north of Missouri's southern boundary.

Part Nine

Conclusion

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