

# 4.2 The Rise of Political Parties and the Era of Jefferson

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• tariff 关税 • early national politics 早期国家政治

## Objective

Build the skills to explain **early national politics** 早期国家政治.

**You must be able to:**

- name the three issues national parties continued to debate
- state the two things Supreme Court decisions established
- state what the government sought after the Louisiana Purchase
- explain why judicial primacy is a constitutional development

## 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Three issues

The tariff, powers of the federal government, and relations with European powers. All three carry forward from the 1790s.

■ Two establishments

Supreme Court decisions established the primacy of the judiciary in determining the meaning of the Constitution and asserted that federal laws took precedence over state laws. Two separate claims, both about who decides.

■ After Louisiana

Following the Louisiana Purchase, the U.S. government sought influence and control over North America through a variety of means, including exploration and diplomatic efforts.

■ Why constitutional

3.9’s Constitution created three branches without settling which one says what the document means. These decisions settle it — a change in the constitutional order made by the courts rather than by amendment.

## 2 Practice

**2.1** Name the three issues national parties continued to debate. [3]

**2.2** State the two things Supreme Court decisions established. [2]

**2.3** Judicial primacy is a constitutional development.

(a) Explain why. [2]

(b) State what the government sought after the Louisiana Purchase. [1]

## 3 Exam-style questions

**3.1** The Court asserted that federal laws took precedence over [1]

- A state laws
- B treaties
- C the Constitution
- D its own decisions

**3.2** After the Louisiana Purchase the government used exploration and [1]

- A diplomatic efforts
- B no other means
- C a new constitution
- D foreign occupation

**3.3** A branch of government establishes its own authority to interpret the Constitution.

(a) State what has changed. [1]

(b) Explain why this did not require an amendment. [2]

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## Solutions

**2.1** the tariff; powers of the federal government; relations with European powers.

**2.2** the primacy of the judiciary in determining the meaning of the Constitution; that federal laws took precedence over state laws.

**2.3** (a) the Constitution created three branches without settling which says what it means, and these decisions settled it. (b) influence and control over North America through exploration and diplomatic efforts.

**3.1 A.** state laws.

**3.2 A.** diplomacy.

**3.3** (a) the constitutional order, in who decides what the document means. (b) the Constitution was silent on the question, so the answer was supplied by decisions rather than by new text.