**Writing your Keynote Speech**

Each of you must draft one 30-second portion of a two-minute keynote speech that will be delivered at the conference. Each part of the speech should be no more than 30 seconds and should contain vivid, emotional language. (Remember the class example). Include the information below:

**Part 1:** Explain why the Republicans disagree with the principles expressed by Alexander Hamilton

**Part 2:** Explain why Republicans disagree with the way President Washington handled the Whiskey Rebellion.

**Part 3:** Explain why Republicans believe President Adams was unwise to support the Alien and Sedition Acts.

**Part 4:** Explain why the Republicans believe that electing a Federalist president in 1800 would be harmful to the country.

**Delivering Your Keynote Speech**

At the conference, one member of your group must deliver the keynote speech in a fiery and antagonistic manner. It should be presented in the order outlines above. Choose a member of your group to present the speech. As he or she rehearses, the rest of the group should act as an audience and make sure that

* The speech flows smoothly.
* the speaker reads clearly and pauses dramatically to emphasize key points
* your group reacts dramatically to key passages, such as booing when Hamilton or Adam’s name is mentioned, cheering when Jefferson’s name is mentioned, applauding, giving a standing ovation, and shouting appropriate affirmations

**Making Your Political Buttons**

Use small circles of unlined paper (approximately four inches in diameter) to create political buttons that represent qualities of the Republican Party. Each button should include the following features:

* the name “Republicans”
* a catchy slogan that announces why a Republican should be elected president in 1800
* one visual illustrating an example of how Americans will benefit under Republican leadership

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**Making Your Political Banner**

Use a large, rectangular sheet of butcher paper. Include the following features:

* the name “Republicans” in large letters that can be read at a distance
* a catchy slogan that announces why a Republican should be elected president in 1800
* a picture or illustration of your party’s founder, Thomas Jefferson
* colorful visuals illustrating three ways in which Americans will benefit under the leadership of a Republican president
* captions for all the visuals

**Writing your Political Song/Rap**

Your song must describe the personal qualities of Thomas Jefferson and the achievements of the Republicans. Illustrate three ways/facts in which Americans will benefit under the leadership of a Republican President. It must consist of a minimum of ten lines and use a rhyming pattern. You may use the default song of *“Mary had a little lamb”*as a tune if you are performing a song.

**Performing Your Political Song**

At the conference, your group will perform its song to introduce your political party’s founder, Alexander Hamilton. As you rehearse your song or rap, make sure that

* it flows smoothly, memorize the information
* each of you sings clearly and enthusiastically
* You incorporate some engaging body movements, such as raising your hands, bowing, or kneeling at appropriate points during the song.