

# The U.S. Citizenship Test As a Window into Advanced Civics

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# 1. The Presidency -

Established by Constitution ;  
Second Continental Congress



## 2. Founders as the First Presidents

- a. George Washington - established first cabinet and national bank; warned against political parties
- b. John Adams - Alien and Sedition Act
- c. Thomas Jefferson - good steward of country's finances; presidency not mentioned on tombstone
- d. James Madison - War of 1812



### 3. Considered the Greatest on Most Lists

a. Abraham Lincoln - kept the union together / Civil War

b. FDR - New Deal

c. Theodore Roosevelt - conservation efforts; Panama Canal; Progressive Party

d. George Washington - 1st President and was willing to step down



## 4. Presidents from Tennessee

a. Andrew Jackson - Led early Democrat Party / Trail of Tears

b. Andrew Johnson - Reconstruction - Almost removed from office

c. James K. Polk - annexed Republic of Texas



# 5. Powers of President

- a. Treaties with Approval of Senate
- b. Veto Power / Pocket Veto
- c. Represent nation in Foreign Affairs
- d. Enforce Laws - Executive Orders
- e. Commander in Chief of Military
- f. Protect nation against attacks



# Presidential Trivia



# 1. Presidents died on same day 50 days after Declaration





## 2. Four presidents were assassinated



### 3. Four presidents died in office of natural causes



## 4. Father / Son Presidents



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## 5. Rhodes Scholar



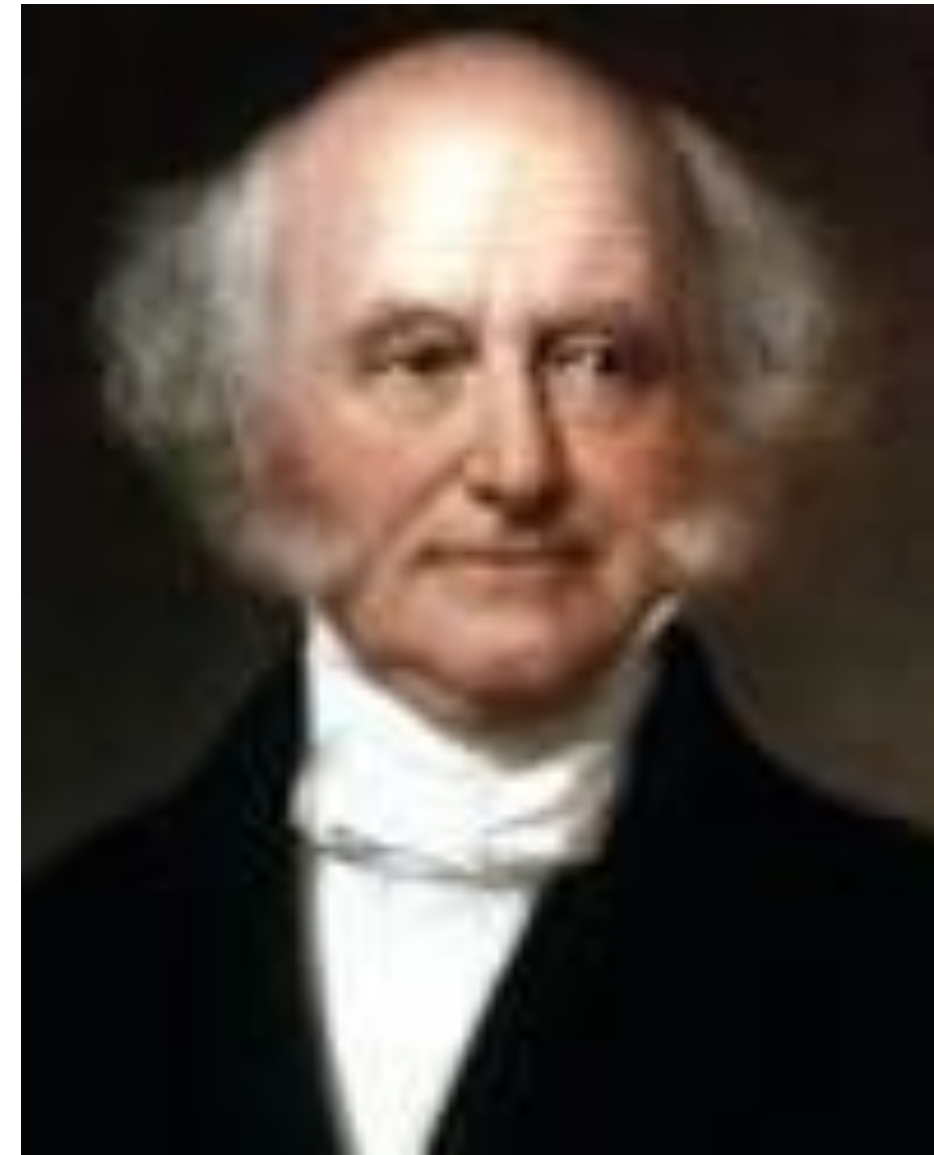
## 6. Bush / Gore Election



## 7. Truman and the Atomic Bomb



## 8. Martin Van Buren



# 9. Classically - trained pianist





# 10. Turned down offers to play professional football



11. 46 presidencies and 45 different individuals



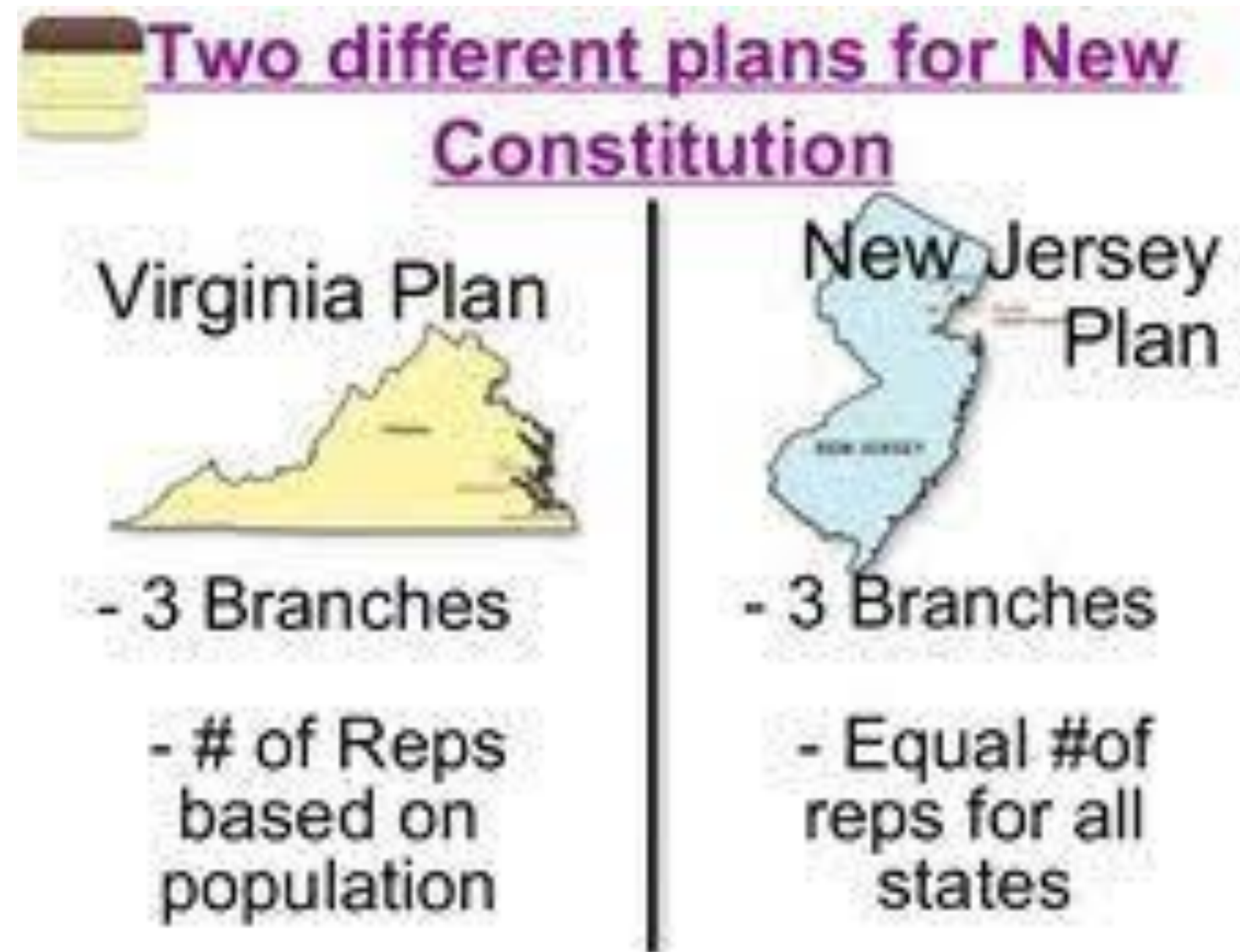
## 12. First clash of political parties



# Congress



# 1. Bicameral



# 2. Powers of Congress

- a. Enact Legislation
- b. Declare War
- c. Investigate Powers
- d. Confirm Presidential Appointments



# 3. House of Representatives

a. Initiate Revenue Spending Bills

b. Issue Articles of Impeachment

c. 435 Members

d. 2 Year Terms

e. Determine Presidential Electoral College



## 4. Senate

- a. 6 year terms
- b. Tries Impeachments
- c. VP is Speaker, or in their absence, President Pro Temp
- d. Filibusters / Cloture





# 5. Legislative Process

- a. Bills must pass both Houses in the same form
- b. Conference Committee
- c. Overriding Vetos



# Cabinet Positions



# 1. Original Cabinet

a. Secretary of State - Thomas Jefferson

b. Secretary of Treasury - Alexander Hamilton

c. Secretary of War - Henry Knox

d. Attorney General - Edmund Randolph



## 2. 15 Cabinet Departments

a. State

b. Treasury

c. Defense

d. Attorney General

e. Interior

## 2. 15 Cabinet Departments - Continued

f. Agriculture

g. Commerce

h. Labor

i. Health and Human Services

j. Housing and Urban Development

k. Transportation

## 2. 15 Cabinet Departments - Continued

k. Transportation

l. Energy

m. Education

n. Veterans Affairs

o. Homeland Security

3. Secretaries serve at the pleasure of the President

4. Constitution does not speak to Cabinets

