**Handout 1: Debate**

Side A:

Hamilton’s values have more heavily influenced the development of American democracy.

Side B:

Jefferson’s values have more heavily influenced the development of American democracy.

1. Partners Prepare
   1. Find evidence to support your side of the argument. Craft position.

## Position Presentation

* 1. Side A presents their position using supporting evidence from the texts.
  2. Side B restates to Side A’s satisfaction.
  3. Side B presents their position using supporting evidence from the texts.
  4. Side A restates to Side B’s satisfaction.

## Consensus-Building

* 1. Abandon roles.

1. Build consensus regarding the question (or at least clarify where your differences lie), using supporting evidence.
2. Consider the question:

How does the Jefferson-Hamilton debate influence today’s politics?

To help you in your research and debate, consider (but do NOT limit yourself), to the following questions:

What part of either man’s vision is still alive in America today? How does today’s society reflect the goals set for either man’s ideals? How did the debate between Jefferson and Hamilton shape the political system of the United States?

Suggested documents (but DON’T stop here!):

* **Excerpts from Alexander Hamilton’s Report on the National Bank:** <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/sites/default/files/inline-pdfs/Hamilton%20on%20National%20Bank%20excerpts.pdf>
* **Thomas Jefferson on the Constitutionality of a National Bank, February 15, 1791(excerpts):** <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/sites/default/files/inline-pdfs/Jefferson%20on%20the%20National%20Bank%20excerpts.pdf>
* **The Significance of the Pacificus-Helvidius Debates: Toward the Completion of the American Founding *- Alexander Hamilton,* The Pacificus-Helvidius Debates of 1793-1794: Toward the Completion of the American Founding *[1793]:*** <http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=1910&chapter=112536&layout=html&Itemid=27>
* Draft of the Declaration of Independence: (Note: this is an early draft, not the final version, so it gives Jefferson’s opinions more clearly than the final copy. Also, if you look at the manuscript copy, it is in Jefferson’s handwriting.) <http://www.masshist.org/thomasjeffersonpapers/cfm/doc.cfm?id=declaration_1>
* Various original documents (read the descriptions and see if any of these can help you): <http://www.isidore-of-seville.com/hamilton/4.html>

Source: <http://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials/teaching-guides/21731>

**Handout 2: Document Analysis Chart**

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| **Position A:**  Hamilton’s values have more heavily influenced the development of American democracy. | **Position B:**  Jefferson’s values have more heavily influenced the development of American democracy. |
| *Evidence 1:* | *Evidence 1:* |
| *Evidence 2:* | *Evidence 2:* |
| *Evidence 3:* | *Evidence 3:* |
| Evidence 4: | *Evidence 4:* |

**Record questions that you have about sources and ideas on the back of your pages as the debate continues.**

**Consensus (record the final conclusion):**