

Document Questions

Document 1:

Written by Alexander Hamilton in the Gazette of the United States

- 1) In a short paragraph, please explain what Hamilton accuses Jefferson of doing.
- 2) What evidence does Hamilton have to support his claims.
- 3) Why do you think Hamilton would publish this in a newspaper?

Document 2:

Thomas Jefferson to George Washington, September 9th 1792

- 1) How does Jefferson justify the hiring of Freneau?
- 2) Why do you think Jefferson felt the need to explain himself to Washington?
- 3) After reading this document, do you believe that Jefferson is being genuine?

Document 3:

Thomas Jefferson to Philip Freneau, February 28th, 1791

- 1) What does Jefferson offer Freneau in this letter?
- 2) What is the salary for the position?

Document 4:

Philip Freneau to Thomas Jefferson, March 5th, 1791

- 1) Why does Freneau decline Jefferson's offer?

Document 5:

James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, May 1st, 1791

- 1) Why is Madison disappointed that Freneau has been "burying himself in the obscurity he had chosen in N. Jersey?"

Document 6:

Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Randolph, May 15th, 1791

- 1) According to Jefferson, what does Fenno's paper promote?
- 2) What does Jefferson say he has been trying to do?

Document 7:

Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, July 21st, 1791

- 1) How does Jefferson describe Freneau?
- 2) What does Jefferson say he would have given to Freneau if he had set up a newspaper in Philadelphia?

Document 8:

James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, July 24th, 1791

- 1) In this letter, how does Madison feel about the possibility of Freneau setting up his paper? Does he think it is likely?