

## **Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr and the Election of 1800** by John Ferling

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Please answer each of the following essential questions in a well supported paragraph.

1. What did Thomas Jefferson mean when he wrote to his friends that the Revolution of 1776 had determined the form of America's government; but the election of 1800 would decide its principles?
2. To what extent did the French Revolution and its aftermath impact American life?
3. How was the voting by the Electoral College in 1800 different than the way the institution functions today? (Hint: look at the 12<sup>th</sup> Amendment)
4. Who was running for president? How did the election get thrown to the House of Representatives to decide?
5. How was 'Campaign 1800' similar to modern presidential campaigns?
6. Describe the circumstances that led to Jefferson's victory.
7. To what extent was Jefferson correct in describing the election of 1800 as 'revolutionary'?