

Ch. 8 Test Review

Be able to understand and apply the advice that George Washington gave in his Farewell Address

Washington's Farewell Address:

Group 1: *"As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible, avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace, but remembering also that timely disbursements to prepare for danger frequently prevent much greater disbursements to repel it, avoiding likewise the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertion in time of peace to discharge the debts which unavoidable wars may have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear."* - George Washington

Student Translation: "Make the nations money last and use it as sparingly as possible. Avoiding things that cost too much money. But sometimes spending money is required. However, don't spend unnecessarily and pay off the debt that you have. Don't leave debt for future generations."

Washington's Farewell Address:

Group 2: *"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them."* - George Washington

Student Translation: Religion and morality are very important to uphold the United States government. They are the main things that keep people happy. If the politicians have good values, that will make our country have good values.

Washington's Farewell Address:

Group 3: *"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration, to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism."* - George Washington

Student Translation: It is important the people of the government keep freedom by making sure they never use another branch's power. If all the power goes to one office it will create tyranny. Make sure to spread the power and have the branches check each other. Old and new times show that dividing up the power benefits the people. If you need to fix the Constitution do it carefully because it can cause a free government to fall. Don't welcome change if it is not needed.

Washington's Farewell Address:

Group 4: *"There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the administration of the government and serve to keep alive the spirit of liberty. This within certain limits is probably true; and in governments of a monarchical cast, patriotism may look with indulgence, if not with favor, upon the spirit of party. But in those of the popular character, in governments purely elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged."* - George Washington

Student Translation: We should not give as much power to the political parties that we did to kings and queens, because we should think of the good of the country before what is good for the political parties. Be very cautious of political parties.

Washington's Farewell Address:

Group 5: ***"Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. If we remain one people under an efficient government, the period is not far off when we may defy material injury from external annoyance; when we may take such an attitude as will cause the neutrality we may at any time resolve upon to be scrupulously respected; when belligerent nations, under the impossibility of making acquisitions upon us, will not lightly hazard the giving us provocation; when we may choose peace or war, as our interest, guided by justice, shall counsel. Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground?"*** - George Washington

Student Translation: **We don't have to follow any foreign country. If if we don't get involved with their wars, we won't have to fight. We can prove that we are strong and we will keep our own peace. We will try to stay neutral to keep the peace within our nation. This will show other countries that we don't have to fight. However, if we choose to fight by our own free will, we can.**

Washington's Farewell Address:

Homework: ***"Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."*** - George Washington

Student Translation: **Make knowledge and education a high priority. Teach everyone many things because our government is ruled by the people and it will only be as smart as an average person.**