1. The song titled "Cabinet Battle #1" from Hamilton: An American Musical is a rap battle between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton debating the ISSUE of how to handle the debt of the 13 states.

2. The first three Cabinet departments that Congress created State, Treasury, and War.

3. When President Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the U.S. he dressed very plainly to make it clear that he was an elected president and NOT king.

4. The Judiciary Act of 1789 created the world's first dual-court system with responsibilities split between state and national courts.

5. President Washington select as the country's first Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.

6. In 1789 the nation's capital was in New York City.

7. The Secretary of State's responsibilities are to oversee relationships with other countries.

8. The Constitution distributes power between the president and Congress by giving the power to make laws to the Congress and the power to enforce or carry out the laws to the President.


10. Tariffs are taxes on imports and exports

11. The first Supreme Court had only 6 Justices.

12. Following the American Revolution the U.S. was $54 million in debt. Adding to this National Debt was $25 million in state debt!

13. In the very first U.S. Presidential Election John Adams was the runner-up to George Washington in the electoral college vote and he became the first vice president.

14. Alexander Hamilton’s managed the nation’s money when George Washington was president.

15. Washington appointed Henry Knox as Secretary of War.

16. Tariffs were placed on foreign imports in order to encourage Americans to buy American goods and to help protect U.S. industries/products from foreign competition.

17. Hamilton wanted the federal government to assume each state’s war debt because he thought having it centralized in the hands of the U.S. Government instead of leaving it up to the 13 states it could be paid off more quickly and efficiently. This would then lead to improving America’s overall credit for when they would need to borrow in the future.

18. Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson had a conflict over the creation of a National Bank and a powerful central government. Jefferson opposed the creation of a National Bank and strong central government and Hamilton supported both.

19. At his inauguration President Washington wanted to show the monarchs of Europe that he was an elected president and not an American King so instead of expensive, fancy imported clothing he wore a plain brown American made suit.

20. The U.S. Constitution says nothing about the creation of a National Bank and it does not forbid the creation of one.

21. The Secretary of the Treasury's responsibilities are to manage the money of the U.S. Government.

22. One action Hamilton wanted to take to finance the repayment of the nation’s debts was to issue new bonds for people to purchase and invest their money in.

23. Thomas Jefferson’s role under President George Washington was to oversee U.S. relationships with other countries.

24. The President’s advisors are called his Cabinet.

25. The unique difficulty George Washington faced as the first president of the United States was that he had to largely invent the role of president and set an example for future presidents.