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James Madison Quiz

1. Which of the following words best describes Americans' attitude toward centralized government after the Revolution?

- a. Indifferent
- b. Suspicious
- c. Patriotic
- d. Sympathetic

2. Which statement accurately summarizes James Madison's relationship with Alexander Hamilton?

- a. They had opposing political views throughout their careers
- b. They fundamentally agreed on most political issues
- c. They began as political allies, but eventually became rivals
- d. They began as political rivals, but eventually became allies

3. Which of the following did Madison write almost singlehandedly?



4. How did Madison's political views change during his presidency?

- a. He reversed some of his fundamental positions
- b. His positions became more extreme
- c. His political views remained mostly unchanged
- d. He rejected almost all of his long-held positions

5. Which of the following policies would not fit into the original Democratic-Republican party platform?

- a. Increasing state governments' power
- b. Opposition to a national bank
- c. Decreasing federal taxes on imports
- d. Strengthening the Army and Navy

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6. Place the following events in sequence: A) The Democratic-Republican Party is formed; B) Madison serves as Secretary of State; C) Madison co-authors the Federalist Papers

- a. C, B, A
- b. A, C, B
- c. A, B, C
- d. C, A, B

7. The Constitution is to the federal government as:

- a. A general is to an army
- b. A blueprint is to a building
- c. A preface is to a book
- d. A sail is to a ship

8. Based on President Madison's second-term policies, which of the following statements would he most likely have agreed with?

- a. Be sure that your political ideals control your policies
- b. Trusting your advisers can be incredibly dangerous
- c. Admit when you've made a mistake, and correct it
- d. A standing army is incompatible with a free society

9. Madison's willingness to change positions based on his experiences shows that he was a pragmatic leader. What does "pragmatic" mean?

- a. Practical
- b. Idealistic
- c. Stubborn
- d. Emotional

10. Which of the following best summarizes the United States' goal in the War of 1812?

- a. Taking Britain's North American land holdings by force
- b. Forcing the British to trade only with the United States
- c. Helping the French win their war against the British
- d. Making Britain cease hostilities against the United States