The Antebellum Era: The Impact of Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809)

Part A: Short Answer: Instructions: Answer the question below.

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Part B: Fill in the Blank: Instructions: Choose a word from the word bank that best completes the sentence.


1. Thomas Jefferson was in the _______________________________ Party.
2. ____________________________________ established the ability of the Supreme Court to declare actions unconstitutional. This power is called ________________________________.
3. Meriwether Lewis and William ___________________ explored the Louisiana Purchase and traveled to the Pacific Ocean.
4. ________________________________ was the 3rd President of the USA.

Part C: Short Answer: Instructions: Answer the question below.

1. Explain some significant occurrences and events that occurred while Thomas Jefferson was president of the USA.

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ANSWERS:

Part A: Short Answer: Instructions: Answer the question below.

1. Explain the circumstances that led to Aaron Burr killing Alexander Hamilton in a duel.
   Aaron Burr, Thomas Jefferson's running mate, and Jefferson got the same amount of electoral votes in the election of 1800. The House of Representatives had to determine the winner of this election. Alexander Hamilton did not like Burr and persuaded many representatives to just cast a blank vote. This allowed Jefferson to win with more votes. Aaron Burr challenged Alexander Hamilton to a duel for ruining his chances to be president and other hostilities.

Part B: Fill in the Blank: Instructions: Choose a word from the word bank that best completes the sentence.


1. Thomas Jefferson was in the Democratic-Republicans Party.
2. Marbury vs. Madison established the ability of the Supreme Court to declare actions unconstitutional. This power is called judicial review.
3. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark explored the Louisiana Purchase and traveled to the Pacific Ocean.
4. Thomas Jefferson was the 3rd President of the USA.

Part C: Short Answer: Instructions: Answer the question below.

1. Explain some significant occurrences and events that occurred while Thomas Jefferson was president of the USA.
   There are many occurrences that came about during Thomas Jefferson’s presidency and answers will vary. The students may discuss the duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Burr was Jefferson’s vice-president. Also, the students may discuss the Louisiana Purchase and the impact it had on the USA. Likewise, the Supreme Court case of Marbury vs. Madison occurred in this era. In addition to these events, Lewis and Clark pursued their famous exploration venture west during this time as well.

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