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Remaining Neutral:
- Storming of Bastille marked the French Revolution in 1789.
  - Some Americans saw revolution as too violent;
  - Beheadings of French King and Queen.
- Other Americans supported it because similar to our revolution.

France and Britain go to war.
- Washington Neutrality Proclamation;
  - We would not take sides.
Remaining Neutral: (Cont.)

- Jefferson wanted U.S. to support France because they supported us.
- Hamilton supported Britain because of trade.
- Britain began seizing American merchant ships bound for French W. Indies & helped N.A. fight settlers.

- Jay’s Treaty:
  - Settled disputes between U.S. and Britain.
  - Britain pay for damages to ships/abandon forts in western territories.
  - U.S. pay off British debt.
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- Remaining Neutral: (Cont.)
  - Spain closes port of New Orleans to U.S. trade (1784)
    - Hurt U.S. who used Mississippi River to ship goods to port.
  - Pinckney’s Treaty;
    - Settled border disputes with Spain.
    - Southern boundary at 34° N latitude
    - N.O. port opened to U.S. ships
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• Conflict in the Northwest Territory:
  • Britain armed N.A. in NW Territory against U.S. settlement.
    • Little Turtle defeated U.S. forces.
    • General Anthony Wayne defeats N.A. at Battle of Fallen Timbers.
      • N.A. strength in region weakened.
    • Treaty of Greenville;
      • Gave U.S. claim to most Indian lands in NW Territory.
The Whiskey Rebellion:
- Congress passes tax on American made whiskey in 1791.
  - Western Pennsylvania farmers protest.
- Corn made into whiskey easier to transport.
  - Whiskey was important currency in their region, felt tax was unfair.
- Refused to pay, tarred and feathered tax collectors.
  - Washington personally led troops against protesters to show federal gov’t authority.
    - Only president to do so.
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- Washington Says Farewell:
  - Believed people were country’s true leaders.
  - Dangers facing nation:
    - Foreign ties
    - Differences between political groups
      - Weaken nation.
    - Public debt