

## Proclamation of Neutrality Excerpt

Washington believed America should not become entangled in the conflicts of foreign nations. His **Proclamation of Neutrality** stated this nation's position.

“It appears that a state of war exists between Austria, Prussia, Sardinia, Great Britain, and the Netherlands on the one part, and France on the other. The duty and interest of the United States require that they should adopt a conduct friendly and impartial toward the [warring] powers. I have thought fit to declare the position of the United States to observe a conduct towards those powers respectfully; and warn our citizens to avoid all acts which may in any manner tend to [go against] this position.”

- In your own words, describe Washington's Proclamation of Neutrality.

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- Do you think Washington chose a wise policy? Explain your answer.

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