Issues Facing the Early Republic and Political Party Responses

Group Members:

Some Key Issues:

- Shay's Rebellion
- The Whiskey Rebellion
- Relations with France or Britain
- Relations with Native Americans on the Frontier
- Establishing a National Bank [Bank of the Unites States (BUS)]
- The Alien and Sedition Act

The Assignment

1. Prepare a short presentation that explains the issue facing the Early Republic. Treat is like a current event (i.e. cover the 5 W's). Explains its significance to the young nation. Suggestions: conduct a newscast, make a special edition newspaper.
2. Explain how each of the political parties (the Jeffersonian Democratic-Republicans and Hamiltonian Federalist) wanted to handle the issue. Suggestions: perform a mock debate, created an illustrated compare and contrast graphic organizer, have a rap battle.
3. Conclude by explaining how the issue was finally handled by the Early Republic.

Each group will have 7-12 minutes to present to the class.

Evaluation Rubric	**Excellent (9-10)**	**Good (7-8)**	**Acceptable (5-6)**	**Marginal (3-4)**	**Unsatisfactory (1-2)**
Presentation					
1. The purpose and main ideas are clear.					
2. Effective oral communication. (Appropriate volume and eye-contact.)					
3. Effective written communication. (Appropriate grammar, punctuation, mechanics and spelling.)					
4. Creativity and originality are evident.					
Content					
5. Information and evidence are accurate, appropriate, and integrated effectively.					
6. Claims and ideas supported by details and examples.					
Thinking					
7. Connections between and among ideas are made.					
8. Analysis/synthesis/evaluation/interpretation is effective and consistent.					
Compare and Contrast Structure					
9. Alternative perspectives are carefully considered and represented.					
10. Balanced: equal treatment of both sides.					
11. Parallel organization: comparing/contrast similar items on both sides.					

Overall Grade _____