

**Election of 1800**-the federalists and democratic-republicans nominated presidential and vice-presidential candidates, they also nominated candidates to serve as presidential electors in the several states, those elector-candidates were picked with the clear understanding that if elected they would vote for their party's presidential and vice-presidential nominees, each of the 73 democratic-republicans who won posts as electors voted for his party's nominees: Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, they produced a tie for the presidency, remember that the constitution gave each elector two votes, each to be cast for a different person but each to be cast for someone as president, popular opinion clearly favored Jefferson, still the House of Representatives had to take 36 separate ballots before it finally settled on Jefferson as president

**Supreme Court**-highest court of the land, cannot be over-ruled, with the power of judicial rule, the court can affect the meaning of the Constitution, 9 justices, majority opinion makes decisions, has both original and appellate jurisdiction

**Concurrent Jurisdiction**-power shared by the federal and state courts to hear certain cases

**Appellate Courts**-the courts of appeals were created by Congress in 1891, they were established to as gate-keepers to relieve the Supreme Court of much of the burden of hearing appeals from the decisions of the district courts, one Supreme Court justice is assigned to each court of appeals

**Who can remove federal judges from office?**-Senate

**How is the appointment of a Supreme Court Justice made?**-the president's closest legal and political aides, especially the attorney general, influential senators, members of the Judiciary Committee, president's allies, supporters in the legal profession, and various other important personalities in the president's political party also play a major role in selecting judges, after the president has nominated a candidate, the senate confirms the appointment and he/she becomes a supreme court justice