

Nullification & Secession



Alien & Sedition Acts

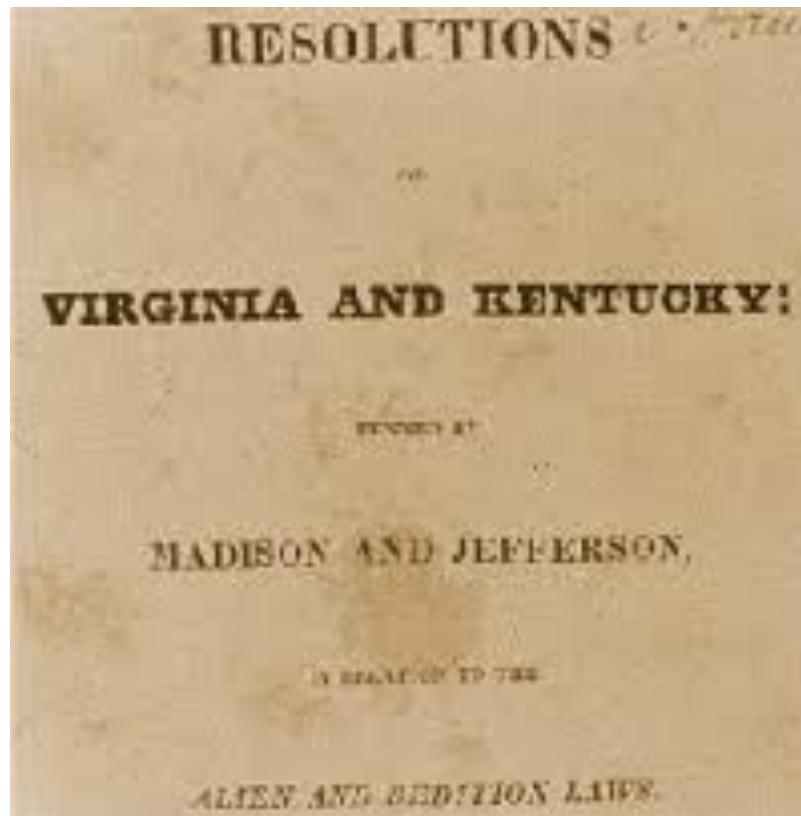
- **Naturalization Act:** required immigrants to be residents for 14 years instead of 5 years before they became eligible for citizenship
- **Alien Act:** Allowed the president to imprison immigrants or send those he considered dangerous out of the country
- **Sedition Act:** Make it a crime to speak, write, or publish “false, scandalous, and malicious” criticisms of the government.

1798: Alien & Sedition Acts are Passed

- Why they were passed:
 - Strengthen the federal government
 - Silence Republican opposition
- Results:
 - Discouraged immigration
 - Some immigrants would leave the country
 - Convicted Republican newspaper editors
- Reactions:
 - Opposition to the Federalist Party grows
 - Led movement to allow states to overturn federal laws

Outcome: Virginia & Kentucky Resolution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX6ClcsMAKw>



Questions

1. It is okay to refer to an immigrant as an alien.
2. It is okay for a government to suppress free speech.
3. A state, like a Virginia or Kentucky, can nullify a federal law.
4. Virginia had a right to secede from the United States.

1828: Tariff of Abominations

- Congress passes a tariff on imported goods from Europe
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0P3JOoEtDg>
- Outcome: Nullification Crisis
 - John C. Calhoun
 - Webster-Hayne Debate
 - South Carolina & their Nullification Act
 - Henry Clay & the Compromise Tariff of 1833



Questions

1. I will support decisions the federal government makes, even though this will make my life difficult.
2. A country must not be inseparable.
3. Southern states, like South Carolina, have a right to secede.
4. Jackson has solved the issue of nullification and secession.

Write a Letter

Dear Congressmen,

- Who you are.
- Do you support nullification and secession? Why or why not?
 - Cite either Article VI or the 10th Amendment.
 - Reference either the Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions or the tariff debate.
 - Quote either Webster or Hayne.
- Predict how these concepts will influence the Civil War.
- What should the federal government do?

Sincerely,
(Your name)