

Adams Builds a Nation

Read about John Adams and his work for independence and government.

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two United States government jobs John Adams held. Write 1 by the job he had first and 2 by the job he had later.

John Adams at Work

- ① John Adams lived when the American colonies were ruled by Great Britain. He was a lawyer in Massachusetts. Adams believed the colonies should be free to govern themselves. He spoke and wrote about independence.
- ② In 1776, Adams helped a group choose Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence. Adams supported the Declaration. It told Great Britain that the colonies wanted to be free states.
- ③ After the American Revolution, Adams served as the first vice president of the United States. Later, he became the second president. He worked for the new country's government during its early years.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Why did John Adams speak and write about independence?

2 What did Adams help a group do in 1776?

3 What government job did Adams have before he became president?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences for a museum label about John Adams. Tell one way he helped before the United States was free and one government job he held afterward.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the two United States government jobs John Adams held. Write 1 by the job he had first and 2 by the job he had later. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did John Adams speak and write about independence?	He believed the colonies should be free to govern themselves.
2	What did Adams help a group do in 1776?	He helped the group choose Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence.
3	What government job did Adams have before he became president?	He was the first vice president of the United States.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Before the United States was free, John Adams supported independence. After the Revolution, he served as the first vice president.

Accept two accurate sentences that name an action Adams took to support independence and a government job he held after the Revolution. Students may name either vice president or president as the later job.