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### Biography Synopsis

John Adams was born October 30th 1735 in Quincy, Massachusetts.

He was the first vice president and the second president of the United States (1797-1801).

His son John Quincy Adams was the sixth president of the United States. At 16 he got a scholarship to attend Harvard University. John Adams graduated college at Harvard University with his undergraduate and master's degree. In 1774 he joined the first Continental Congress and helped put together the Declaration of Independence. He married Abigail Smith in 1764, then later had five children.

In 1770 Adams agreed to represent British soldiers on trial for killing 5 civilians which became known as the Boston Massacre. He believed everyone deserved a defense and took the job with no hesitation. The same year he was elected to the Massachusetts Assembly, he was one of five who represented the colony for the first Continental Congress in 1774. Congress created the first Continental Army in 1775; Adams nominated George Washington as its commander-in-chief. In May 1776 Congress passed Adams' wishes saying that the colonies each adapt independent governments.

In 1779 Adams was one of the American diplomats sent to negotiate the Treaty of Paris, which brought us the end of the Revolutionary War.

In 1788, Adams returned home after 10 years of staying in europe. In 1789 he was put on the ballot for the first american presidential election. Adams was put up against george washington, washington received the highest number of electoral votes and was elected president. In 1796, adams was elected as the federalist nominee for president and won against Thomas Jefferson who was a nominee for the democratic-republican party. During Adams term a war between the british and french were causing political difficulties. Adams sent 3 commissioners to france, but the french refused to negotiate unless the united states agreed to pay what amounted to a bribe

The nation broke out in war when the situation came to air, Adams never called for a declaration of war.

By 1800 the war had ended , Adams became less popular with the public. He lost his re-election by a few electoral votes to Thomas Jefferson who soon became the next united states president. Adams lives quietly with Abigail and his five children on their family farm where he continued to write Thomas Jefferson. Both John adams and Thomas Jefferson died on july 4th, 1926. Later on john Adams son John Quincy Adams will become the sixth president of the united states as a democratic-republican





