

Use the graphic organizer to compare and contrast characteristics of the Federalist Party and the Democratic-Republican Party.

Criteria:	Federalist Party	Democratic-Republican Party
Leaders	Alexander Hamilton	Thomas Jefferson
Voting	They believed only property-owning citizens should vote.	Landowners and those who had lived in the country a certain amount of time, established a family, or started a business should vote.
Economy	They believed the federal government needed to use its powers to build a solid financial system of banks and a strong currency. The federal government should play a major role in the economy.	He believed increased federal control of the economy was a step towards tyranny. He feared the wealthy would put their interests above that of the people.
Who Should Make Decisions?	Hamilton feared that common people would not vote intelligently and believed wealthier, better-educated citizens would preserve an ordered society.	He believed the will of the people should prevail—even if the majority was making poor decisions.
View on the Power of States	Argued the federal government should have more power than authority than the states	Favored the rights of states and wanted to limit the power of the federal government