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George Washington's Presidency and the Birth of Political Parties

Short Answer Key

1. Federalists believed in a strong central government, a loose interpretation of the Constitution, and supported industrialization.
2. The Democratic-Republican Party favored a limited federal government, a strict interpretation of the Constitution, and emphasized individual liberties and states' rights.
3. The Jay Treaty controversy highlighted divisions between Federalists and Republicans because Republicans believed the treaty favored Britain over France, leading to strong opposition.
4. In his Farewell Address, George Washington warned against the dangers of political parties and urged Americans to prioritize national unity and avoid entangling foreign alliances.
5. George Washington's presidency impacted the development of political parties by witnessing the emergence of the Federalist and Democratic-Republican Parties, laying the groundwork for the two-party system in the United States.

