

# John Adams

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Born: Oct. 30, 1735, Quincy, Mass.

Died: July 4, 1826

Political Party: Federalist (1795-1808)

Democratic-Republican (1808-26)

Vice president: Thomas Jefferson

In office: March 4, 1797 – March 4, 1801

- Adams rose to prominence for leading opposition to the Stamp Act of 1765. The act required taxes be paid to England on all documents, licenses and diplomas.
- On Nov. 1, 1800, he was the first president to reside in the White House. Though referred to by that name in 1811, it wasn't until 1901 that it became its formal name.
- Adams briefly represented the owners of the Dartmouth, the ship which carried tea famously dumped into Boston harbor.
- A Harvard-trained lawyer, Adams was the first ambassador to Great Britain and the nation's first vice president.
- Estranged for more than a decade,, Adams and Jefferson reconciled in 1812, beginning a correspondence that lasted until their deaths, both on July 4, 1826.