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SAMPLE

Argumentation: "Thomas Jefferson maintained a strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution."

Support, modify, or refute this statement with specific historical evidence.

SUPPORT (PRE-PRESIDENT)	REFUTE (POST-PRESIDENT)
<p>Political</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes a strict interpretation Opposes the bank; a political grandstanding (not defined) Opposes Washington's Neutrality Proclamation (Congress has this authority, according to the Constitution) <p>Economic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes the creation of a national bank on economic grounds Opposes Hamilton's financial plan 	<p>Political</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the purchase of the Louisiana Purchase <p>Economic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps all of Hamilton's economic plans in effect, except whiskey tax Implements the economic embargo

begin by gathering evidence

Continue by organizing your evidence

Thesis Statement:

Finish by noticing patterns in your organized evidence that can help you create a strong argument. Write a thesis for your argument.

Jefferson, as Secretary of State under Washington, opposes many plans under the assumption that they are opposed to the U.S. Constitution, clearly identifying himself as a strict interpreter of the Constitution and thus a major opponent to Hamilton. However, as president, he changes direction and supports a number of economic plans of expansion and strong regulation of the economy. He also maintains the direction of the country under Washington. Therefore, he does maintain his philosophy as secretary of state, but somewhat reverses positions as president.