Video/DVD Assignment
Founding Brothers
"Evolution of a Revolution Part I"
Volume 2, Part 1 (Disc 2)
The History Channel, 2000

Please answer each question with a short analytical essay. A short essay is approximately 2 to 4 paragraphs. You must support your conclusions with information pulled from the documentary to properly answer each question. The essay must be typed on a word-processor, on white paper, font 11 pt Arial or similar, 1 inch margins, name/ date/reading/class as the top header.

Please type the question and then the answer to the question. Please number your questions. Do not double-space your answers.

Questions:

1. What happened in the election of 1796? Why was it such a bitterly contested election? Why do you think John Adams won the election over Thomas Jefferson?

2. Describe “management and leadership” problems John Adams encountered once elected as president of the United States? How did Alexander Hamilton influence the “soap opera” of the Adam’s presidency?

3. What “foreign policy crisis” confronted Adam’s during his presidency? How did he confront the issue? Was he successful in dealing with the crisis?

4. Why were the Alien and Sedition Acts important? How did they influence the political fate of Jefferson and Adams?